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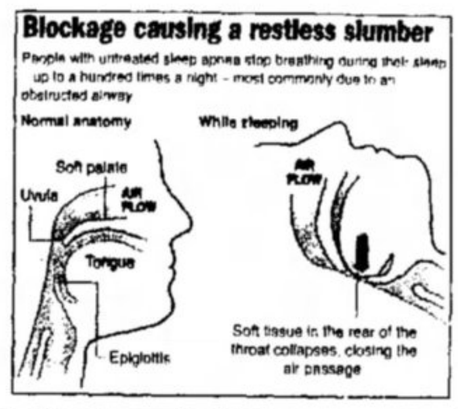
LSU wins

Matt Flynn threw four touchdown passes as LSU beat Ohio State in the BCS title game. **1B**


Blockage causing a restless slumber
People with untreated sleep apnea stop breathing during their sleep up to a hundred times a night – most commonly due to an obstructed airway
Normal anatomy
While sleeping
Soft palate
Uvula
AIR FLOW
Tongue
Epiglottis
AIR FLOW
Soft tissue in the rear of the throat collapses, closing the air passage

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- John B. Everly, 18, Charleroi
- Richard R. Herod, 88, Point Marion
- Luther James McIntyre Sr., 86, Pricedale (Rostraver Township)
- Ralph "Nick" Miale, 73, Carlsbad, Calif., formerly of Monongahela
- Harry L. Prentice Jr., 73, Bentleyville
- Peter Andrew Sopko Sr., 90, Fayette City
- Julia E. "Lil" Suchy, 79, formerly of Monessen

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EMS provider selected

Perryopolis and Perry Township picked Waynesburg-based EMS Southwest.

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The financially troubled Perryopolis Area Ambulance Service was replaced Monday by EMS Southwest, a provider based in Waynesburg, Greene County.

EMS Southwest was one of three companies – including Fayette EMS and Rostraver Ambulance Service – to submit proposals to Perryopolis and Perry Township officials.

"This decision is in our best interest at this time," township Supervisor A.J. Boni said. "We feel EMS Southwest will do a professional job."

According to the proposals, Boni said, EMS Southwest was the only firm to include a pair of 12-hour daytime basic life support units Monday through Friday in addition to the standard day and night coverage of two advanced life support units.

"None of the others could do that," Boni said.

EMS Southwest was the only for-profit company to apply.

"This is a very professional outfit that will maintain staffing 24/7," borough Councilman Charles Johnson said. "The depth of the organization was key to our decision."

Perryopolis and Perry Township each approved a one-year contract with EMS Southwest at separate meetings yesterday.

Included in the borough's deal is 12 months of rent for three garage bays and three offices at the municipal building along Independence Street. The Perry Area Ambulance Service and borough police formerly occupied the space. EMS Southwest will pay $1,200 per month.

The company hired all 10 of the part-time employees left by Perry Area Ambulance, according to Karen DeAngelis, whose family operated the long-time service.

Some received full-time jobs.

Mary Popovich, who was director of Perry Area Ambulance, accepted a position as executive director of education with EMS Southwest.

However, two emergency medical

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Rostraver issues sewer bonds

The township will repay the money at 4.35 percent interest over 30 years.

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ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP – The township commissioners Monday approved an $8.3 million bond issue for the remaining work on its sewer system project.

Lorenzo

The bond, underwritten by PNC Capital Markets LLC, will cover the cost of new service to the Rehoboth Valley, Pricedale and Lynnwood areas.

The work is expected to begin by month's end and should be complete by next summer.

The system will replace wildcat sewers in Pricedale and Lynnwood that discharge sewage into Speers Run.

The township will repay the bonds at 4.35 percent interest over 30 years.

A $1.6 million grant and a $9.4 million loan from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority was used to cover the first phase of the project, which involved installation of lines along Route 51 and Interstate 70.

PennVEST is a state agency that provides grants and low-interest loans for municipal and wastewater projects.

The Route 51 and I-70 portion took about a year to complete and was finished in November.

The entire system will serve about 1,500 customers along routes 51 and 201, Interstate 70, and the Rehoboth Valley, Pricedale and Lynnwood areas.

The commissioners reorganized Monday.

Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner administered oaths of office to incumbent commissioners Nick Lorenzo, Brian Sokol and Ralph Iacoboni.

Lorenzo is entering his 25th year on the board.

Sokol is serving his 13th consecutive year and Iacoboni is starting his third.

The board named Lorenzo chairman and Tom Patterson as vice chairman.

Chester Engineers was named township engineer.

Pamela Beard was named board secretary and Timothy Maatta, of Monessen, solicitor.

Lorenzo was named head of the public safety committee, with Pat Egros as assistant chairman.

Sokol will head the parks and recreation committee, with Patterson as assistant chairman.

Iacoboni was named head of the health and welfare committee, with Sokol as assistant chairman.

Patterson will lead the budget and finance committee, with

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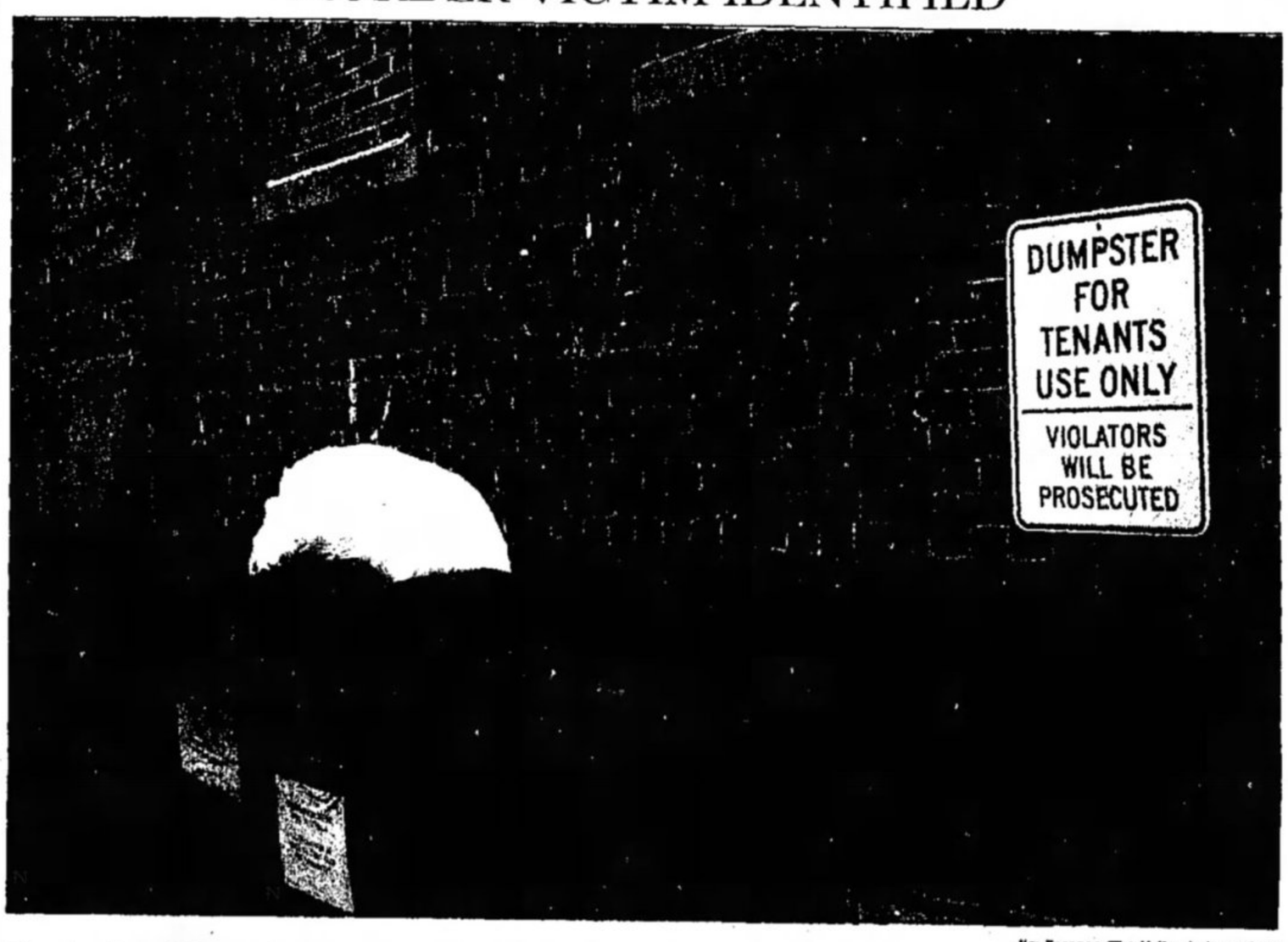
MURDER VICTIM IDENTIFIED



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The body of Amanda Faux, 22, of West Mifflin, was found Sunday in the center dumpster in Long Alley, Charleroi.

She was asphyxiated

A "person of interest" asked for a lawyer during a police interview.

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CHARLEROI – Police are still trying to piece together the events that led to the murder of a West Mifflin woman just a block from their station.

Authorities late Monday identified the victim as Amanda Lynn Faux, 22, of Beech St., West Mifflin. Her body was discovered in a dumpster in an alley behind the former Army-Navy store.

The cause of death was asphyxiation, the Washington County Coroner ruled.

Police interviewed a person of interest in the case Sunday night. That person, whom police have declined to identify, asked if he was going to be arrested.

When police said that was a possibility, the suspect said he wanted to contact an attorney, requiring police to end the interview. Police did not speak with that person Monday.

Police also spoke to several people who reside in apartments in the 200 block of Fifth Street.

Police said the person of interest was among six or seven people who attended a party in one of the apartments at the 213 Fifth St. complex.

According to Charleroi police Superintendent Mike Matyas, the victim and the person of interest left the party sometime Saturday night or early Sunday and returned to his apartment, also located in the complex. Witnesses told police they heard a loud argument.

"One person said he could hear them 'going at it pretty strong,'" Matyas said. "He knocked on the door and it settled down. He knocked on the door again later to see if they were OK, but got no response, so he went back to his apartment."

Matyas said at least one witness heard screaming and sounds of things bouncing off the apartment walls.

Matyas said authorities are still trying to determine the extent of the relationship between the victim and the person of interest. When asked about the victim's whereabouts, the person of interest said she left and he expected her back.

The person of interest gave police consent to search his apartment.

After the body was removed, the dumpster was moved to the police garage, where officers went through it in detail for possible evidence. A lamp was found in the dumpster, which is being tested to see if it could have been used to cause injuries to the back of the victim's head.

An electrical cord was also found, which is being tested to determine if it matches the cord missing from a "boom box" radio found in the apartment of the person of interest.

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Monessen City Council restructured

The five-person panel added a newcomer and a former councilman.

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MONESSEN – City council took on a new look Monday as two new members claimed their seats.

Before a large crowd of family and friends, John Harhai and Jonmichael "Josh" Retos swore oaths of office Monday and joined city council.

The change is significant because council comprises four members and the mayor.

Westmoreland County Common Pleas Judge Christopher Feliciani swore in Harhai – with assistance from the councilman's brother, state Rep. R. Ted Harhai.

Retos took his oath of office before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso, of Monessen. Retos' wife, Megan Kerns assisted.

Mayor Anthony Petaccia welcomed the new councilmen, and thanked outgoing members Mary Jo Smith and Dale Simpson.

Smith, an aide to R. Ted Harhai, lost a re-election bid. Simpson did not seek re-election.

John Harhai, a former councilman, was the top vote-getter in November.

John Harhai, who was appointed director of parks and public properties, said he is looking forward to serving, but isn't making any predictions.

"We'll have to find out what they have planned," he said.

Councilman Jeff Gagatko, who previously served as director of parks and public properties, was named director of accounts and finances. Councilman Wayne Doptis will remain head of the streets and public improvements department.

Retos, who will take Smith's former post as director of public safety, said he is "going to do some good things with code enforcement," but added there will be no immediate changes.

The newcomer said he is looking

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VALLEY

N. Belle Vernon facing rash of vehicle entries

Chief Jim Bedsworth encourages people to lock their doors.

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NORTH BELLE VERNON – Police Chief Jim Bedsworth wants residents to lock their vehicles at night.

The warning came on the heels of reports that two more vehicles were entered overnight.

While he did not name the owners, Bedsworth said both autos were left unlocked.

"Since Christmas Eve, we've had a rash of vehicles entered overnight," Bedsworth said. "What the perpetrators are taking are little things that could end up being big things.

"They are taking owner's cards and insurance cards."

The chief said the items are begin taken for a specific reason.

"Obviously what they are trying to do is take the first step to setting up identity theft," Bedsworth said. "Once they get your name and some other information, there are lots of things they can do with that information on computers."

Bedsworth said police have received at least six reports of vehicles being entered over the last two weeks.

"And God only knows how many have not been reported or, in some cases, people don't even know their vehicles were entered," he said.

Bedsworth encouraged residents to not only lock their vehicles, but also call 911 and report suspicious activity.

While the chief said no arrests are pending, he noted that the department has "some persons of interest in mind."

"We know in our community who has done these type of things in the past," he said.

We need your photos

We have received overwhelmingly positive comments about our Yesteryear photo feature.

In fact, we have, at times, been swamped by submissions.

Maybe it has been because of the busy holiday season, but the flow of photos has virtually stopped.

We enjoy publishing photos from your family albums and our readers love to see them each day.

That said, we're calling on you, once more, to dig into your old photos and send them our way.

You can drop them off at our Eastgate 19, Monessen office, mail the photos or e-mail them to kpeters@tribweb.com.

Yesteryear

Monessen School District Superintendent Dr. Joseph J. Pallone, right, receives the Allison R. Maxwell Jr. Award for Outstanding Leadership presented by the Mon Valley Progress Council at its annual banquet in 1985. At left is Progress Council President Frank L. Irey Jr. Pallone was serving as chairman of the Monongahela Valley Hospital Board of Trustees and the Mon-Vale Health Resources Board of Directors at the time.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 48 Low 28	High 48 Low 40	High 40 Low 32	High 38 Low 25	High 38 Low 22

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Iacoboni as assistant chairman.

Egros will head the roads, streets and equipment committee, with Lorenzo as assistant chairman.

The supervisors appointed the following:

- Library board, three-year term; Andy Solan, Ruth Ann Zupan and Sherry Lustig.
- Zoning hearing board, three-year term; John Carroll.
- Sewage authority board, five-year term; William Callaway; one-year term, John Kosco

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Penn State
Selected college credit courses
- courses begin January 14th

Evening certificate programs
- Real Estate Salesperson - course begins March 19th
- Effective Supervision Series - course begins March 4th

California University
Daytime certificate program
- Uniform Construction Code Official Training – course begins February 5th (Distance-learning course)

Westmoreland County Community College
Evening credit course and certificate program
- Electronics Engineering Program – course begins March 10

Capital Communications Inc.
Business Performance Seminars
– seminars begin March 10

Courses offered at Mon Valley Career and Technology Center, Speers. For more information on MVCEC sponsored courses visit http://www.MVCEC.org

Asphyxiated (FROM PAGE ONE)

The electric cord was around the victim's neck, Maytas said.

The victim's head was covered with a plastic bag.

There was no visible trail of blood from the dumpster, Maytas said. But a plastic bag containing bloody towels was found in the dumpster.

Maytas said drugs were "probably involved."

Faux is the cousin of Melissa Galiyas, 33, whose remains were found last month over a hillside in Clairton, said an elderly friend of both women, Jack A. Nolder Sr.

The death of Galiyas also was ruled a homicide but there is no indication that the two slayings are linked.

"I feel I must be a curse for this to happen twice," Nolder said after learning of Faux's death.

Charleroi Mayor Frank Paterra, a regular guest on Kevin Miller's KDKA radio show, spoke about the case Monday afternoon. That show promoted a telephone conversation with Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani, who was concerned that the mayor was providing too much information about the case.

Paterra said he merely asked listeners to help authorities determine the identification of "Amanda."

Toprani said the investigation is being handled jointly by the Charleroi and state police. Trooper Fred Gregg said all information will be released by Charleroi police.

"I appreciate the efforts of all parties and am confident we will arrest a suspect in this case," Toprani said. "I want people of Charleroi to know they are safe. I'm viewing this as an isolated incident.

"We will get the person who did this and prosecute them of the fullest extent of the law."

Provider (FROM PAGE ONE)

technicians chose to leave, DeAngelis said, because of alleged pressure from another operation where they work part time.

"It isn't about patient care for some of these (providers), it's about territory," DeAngelis said. "And that is not what EMS is about."

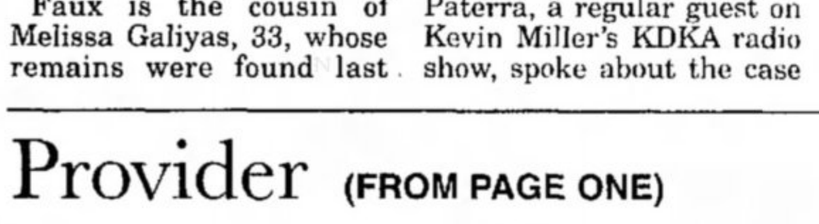
Maneuvering for the highly sought 22-square-mile coverage area with a population of about 6,000 became vicious, Boni said, amid rumors of political kickbacks and refusal of treatment for nonmembers.

Boni assures the public EMS Southwest will not refuse treatment to members of Fayette EMS or Rostraver Ambulance Service, both of which border the former Perry Area Ambulance territory.

EMS Southwest began operating in Perryopolis and Perry Township at the start of 2008. Boni said the new coverage is superior to what Perry Area Ambulance was able to offer. Subscription rates will remain the same.

"Now that this is over, we want to all go back to working harmoniously together," he said.

"Fayette EMS is a fine outfit, and we were glad to have competitive proposals."



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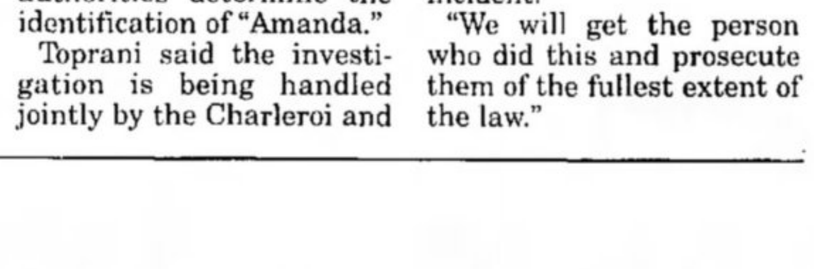
John Harhai, left, is sworn into office with help from his brother, state Rep. R. Ted Harhai.



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Jonmichael Retos, left, is sworn into office with help from his wife, Megan Kerns.

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forward to making good on his promises.

"I'm really dedicated to cleaning up the town, the downtown district and the neighborhoods on the hill," Retos said. "I made commitments to the people in this community, and I plan to stick to that."

Petaccia said he is eager to working with the new members.

"My position, from the beginning, is let's turn around Monessen," the mayor said. "Let's make Monessen a better place to live."

Meanwhile, Smith will continue to play a role in city operations. Petaccia appointed her to serve on the Monessen Redevelopment Authority board last night.

Former library board member Kathy Swade Mappas and Allegheny Petroleum manager Jan R. Bialous also sought the post.

Bialous said at a public meeting last month that he was concerned friendships and politics would play a role in the mayor's appointment.

Bialous is a friend of Elmer Gagatko, whom Petaccia did not reappoint to the redevelopment board last year.

Mappas was not reappointed to the library board last year – to the dismay of Petaccia.

The mayor said it was a "tough decision" but selected Smith because she has served as the liaison to the redevelopment authority for the past six years and was a six-year member of the panel before being elected to council.

Valley briefs

Fay commissioners change schedule

The Fayette County commissioners have set a new starting time for their meetings.

Commissioners' agenda meetings will be held 9 a.m. on Tuesdays before the fourth Thursday of every month in the Public Service Building in Uniontown.

Commissioners' meetings will be held 9 a.m. the fourth Thursday of every month, also at the Public Service Building.

The meetings previously began at 10 a.m.

Fayette controller fires 2 new hires

Newly elected Fayette County Controller Sean Lally on Monday dismissed two recently hired employees.

Lally, who yesterday marked his first day in office, declined comment.

Jennifer Cline, county human resources director, said the employees were not let go for cause.

Rather, she said, Lally exercised his right to dismiss new hires prior to their completion of a mandatory 90-day probationary period.

Westmoreland jail population down

The inmate population at Westmoreland County Prison has hit a five-year low, according to Warden John Walton.

Walton on Monday told members of the county prison board that the 474 inmates incarcerated at the Hempfield lockup was the lowest population count since he became warden in early 2003.

"At this time last year, we were looking for alternative housing. Now we've seen a drastic turnaround," Walton said.

There were 602 inmates at the jail last January, and officials anticipated that number would reach the lockup's capacity of 691 inmates last summer.

But the number of inmates has steadily decreased, leading county officials to consider renting out space at the jail.

Auditor general to seek new term

Pennsylvania Auditor General Jack Wagner on Monday said he would seek a second term in office.

Wagner, 60, of Beechview said his office has helped to fight fraud and waste by, among other things, conducting the first special performance audit of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, which uncovered $7.5 million in bonuses to employees over the last three years.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

As temperatures reached record highs Monday, Kelly Santo, of Charleroi, was one of many area folks to take advantage of the unseasonable weather by washing her vehicle. Temperatures today were expected to reach the low 70s and threaten another record. Temperatures are expected to dip back into the high 30s by the middle of the weekend.

Zapotosky Fayette chairman

The county commissioners also made appointments to various boards and authorities at Monday's reorganization meeting.

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Vincent Zapotosky was elected chairman of the board of Fayette County commissioners during a reorganization meeting on Monday.

Zapotosky, a Democrat, takes over the position formerly held by Republican Angela Zimmerlink.

Commissioner Vincent Vicites, a Democrat, said he nominated Zapotosky for the post because Zapotosky was the top vote-getter in the fall election.

Vicites was named vice chairman. Zimmerlink will serve as secretary.

The commissioners yesterday approved 3 percent cost-of-living raises for nonunion managers and employees in various county offices, including the courts, prison, row offices and commissioners' offices.

The raises do not apply to the commissioners themselves, but Zimmerlink will see a boost in her salary over last year. Zimmerlink did not accept about $7,000 in salary increases during her first four years in office, but will begin her current term at the same salary as her fellow commissioners, $47,970.

Zapotosky, as chairman, will receive an additional $1,000 annually.

Row officers' salaries remain unchanged at $44,837, but Prothonotary Lance Winterhalter and Recorder of Deeds David G. Malosky asked commissioners to reconsider and grant them cost-of-living raises. The commissioners did not comment on the requests.

Commissioners made a number of appointments to various boards and authorities.

Zimmerlink was reappointed by a 2-1 vote to the housing authority, but only through Dec. 31. She will fill out the unexpired term of William Radcliffe, who resigned.

Vicites opposed Zimmerlink's reappointment on the grounds that housing authorities are meant to be free of any potential political pressure. Zapotosky said he, too, had previously opposed Zimmerlink's reappointment, but agreed to the one-year term only in light of Radcliffe's recent resignation.

Vicites wanted to reappoint Jim Bitonti to the board, but his motion died for lack of a second.

The commissioners instead voted 2-1, with Vicites in opposition, to place Harry Fike on the board.

Zapotosky said he did not want to reappoint Bitonti because his son works for the authority.

Although Vicites said Bitonti abstained from voting on matters involving his son, Zapotosky said he wanted to avoid any possibility of allegations of a conflict of interest.

Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Ernie Deblasio to the board.

Fred Davis was appointed by a 2-1 vote to the airport authority. Vicites, who had wanted to reappoint Jesse Wallace, voted in opposition.

New department heads in Mon City

Tom Caudill named to head finances, Art Doty streets and Daryl Miller public safety.

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MONONGAHELA – In addition to naming a new police chief, new Mayor Bob Kepics appointed departments heads for 2008 at city council's reorganization meeting Monday.

Kepics named Councilman Tom Caudill head of accounts and finances, Councilman Art Doty head of streets and improvements and new Councilman Daryl Miller head of public safety.

After taking his oath of office, Kepics recommended the new department heads and, as reported Monday, named patrolman Brian Tempest to head the police department.

Tempest said he was honored to receive the post and promised the department will be more open to the public under his watch.

"We want to be more open as a department, more friendly," Tempest said.

"I'm sure the police department will work with me. We will make changes, but please give us a little time."

Tempest told the crowd at the meeting his door will be open to people, adding that those with questions or suggestions should see him at the police station.

Kepics said the city will place newspaper advertisements for interested candidates for a vacant council seat.

The vacancy was created when Kepics moved into the mayor's office. Council's next business meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Monessen man seved in Korea

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A weekly look at one of our neighbors

Although he had worn glasses since he was 5 due to his poor eyesight, Edward Mikula Sr. never hesitated when then-President Harry Truman sent him "an invitation" to join the country "in our combat against communism."

Mikula

"I am proud that I was able to show that, even though I was impaired, I was still able to serve," the life-long Monessen resident said.

Mikula, who served in Korea during the height of that conflict, graduated from Monessen High School in 1948. He worked in the stereotyping department at *The Valley Independent* and later at the A&P in Monessen. He was drafted in February 1952.

Mikula received his basic training at Fort Eustis, Va. He then trained to be a stevedore, unloading supply ships.

After an eight-day leave, during which he was able to come home, Mikula was sent to Fort Stoneham, Calif. By early October, he was shipped to Korea, landing at In Chon.

He would spend 14 months in Korea, through the end of the war.

From In Chon, Mikula was sent to Puson, where he would receive his permanent assignment – at In Chon.

Mikula was specifically assigned to Wolmido Island, an island about 6/10ths of a mile off the coast of In Chon. It served as a supply depot to support the army.

After a month on Wolmido, Mikula was named supply sergeant.

"I moved from a tent to an actual building where my quarters were at," said Mikula, adding that he even had a Korean house boy.

After six months as the supply sergeant, Mikula was named club manager of the noncommissioned officers' club.

During his service on Wolmido Island, Mikula had the task of aiding with the transport of wounded soldiers. Roughly once every two weeks, Mikula was among a group of soldiers who would go to the railroad siding where wounded soldiers would be brought back from the front lines. He would assist in transporting them to an ambulance and, ultimately, to a hospital ship.

"Some had missing arms, some had missing legs," Mikula recalled. "It was very touching because you were handling these men and you knew they were hurting. If I was called at 2 a.m. or if I was asked to work 16 to 18 hours, I would do it because I knew they had paid the price."

Although never wounded, Mikula and the men of his base received a visit each evening around 11 from "Bed Check Charley," a Red Chinese pilot who flew a light aircraft and dropped 250-pound bombs.

"The siren would go off and we'd jump out of bed and into a bunker," Mikula said. "I hated that SOB."

"Bed Check Charley" visited each night until the armistice took effect July 27, 1953.

"We got drunk that night," Mikula said with a laugh.

He stayed in Korea until the end of 1953. Aboard a transport ship bound for home, Mikula had the unique experience of going to bed on Christmas eve and waking up the next morning the day before Christmas. He had passed over the international date line.

Arriving in California aboard the USS Walker, he rode a train for four days and three nights before arriving at Fort Meade, Md. Upon his discharge from the Army, Mikula boarded a bus for Pittsburgh.

From Pittsburgh, he took the street car to Charleroi, arriving at 5 a.m. He then threw his duffle bag, weighing close to 40 pounds, on his shoulder and began to walk home.

"I was glad to do it because I was home," Mikula said.

He went back to work at the A&P, and then attended Pennsylvania State University's McKeesport campus, earning a degree in drafting design technology.

He worked at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel for 38 years, 30 in Monessen and eight in Allenport., before retirng May 31, 1995.

Mikula met his wife, Patricia, who worked at the Woolworth's in Monongahela with the sister of a friend, through a blind date. They married Sept. 21, 1963. The couple has five children: Mary Apicella, of Hudson, Ohio; Ed Mikula Jr., of Belle Vernon; Cathy Sawi, who lives at home; Jeff Mikula, and Staff Sgt. David Mikula, currently serving in Afghanistan.

More than 54 years later, Mikula recalled his quiet return home from the Korean War.

"There were no bands and no parades," Mikula said. "It was like I never left home. But I accepted it because I was glad to be home."

STOCK GUIDE

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CROSBY — Mary L. Crosby, 47, formerly of West Newton, on Saturday, Jan. 5. Robert A. Waters Funeral Home, Clairton.*

EVERLY — John B. Everly, of Charleroi, on Sunday, Dec. 23. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

HEROD — Richard R. Herod, 88, of Point Marion, on Sunday, Jan. 6. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion.*

MANDZOK — Margaret Mandzok, of Monessen, on Sunday, Jan. 6. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

MCINTYRE — Luther J. McIntyre Sr., 86, of Pricedale (Rostraver Township), on Sunday, Jan. 6. House of Jackson Memorial Chapel, Donora.*

MIALE — Ralph "Nick" Miale, of Carlsbad, Calif., formerly of Monongahela, on Monday, Jan. 7.

PRENTICE — Harry L. Prentice Jr., 73, of Bentleyville, on Sunday, Jan. 6. Leonard M. Pavlic Funeral Homes Inc., Charleroi.*

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PREVIOUS DEATHS:
MURPHY, Anne*
VADELLA, Joseph R. Jr.*
*** See death notice**

Mary L. Crosby
Formerly of West Newton

Mary L. Crosby, 47, departed this life on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in Westmoreland Manor, Hempfield Township. She was formerly a resident of West Newton. She was born June 12, 1960, in McKeesport, and was a daughter of the late Mason Sr. and Azlie Thompson Crosby. She was also preceded in death by siblings, Janie Johnson Connors, Edward Youngblood, William and Albert Crosby. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, West Newton. Surviving are her children, Earl T. Crosby, of Belle Vernon, and Whitney A. Crosby, of Monessen; two grandchildren; siblings, Rosie L. Crosby, of West Newton, Leroy Youngblood, of Donora, Robert Youngblood, of Monessen, Mason Crosby Jr., of Charleroi, Otis Crosby, of Monessen, and Bobby Crosby, of Verona; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins; devoted friend, Brenda Messner, of West Newton; other relatives and many friends. A special note of thanks to the staff of Westmoreland Manor for the excellent care through the years. Friends will be received from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, West Newton, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Eileen Smith officiating. Interment will follow in West Newton Cemetery. Arrangements by ROBERT A. WATERS FUNERAL HOME, Clairton.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

John B. Everly
Charleroi

A memorial service for John Bruce Everly, 18, of Charleroi, who passed away Saturday, Dec. 23, 2007, will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at noon in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Richard R. Herod
Point Marion

Richard R. Herod, 88, a lifelong resident of Point Marion, passed away Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at his home. Born Feb. 22, 1919, he was the son of the late Omar L. and Anna Ross Herod. He was also predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Ruth Barnthouse Herod, on Dec. 21, 2006. He was the devoted father of Richard R. Herod II, of St. Paul, Minn., Linda Ruth Herod, of Deltona, Fla., and Joyce Herod Henderson and husband, Doug, of Bolivar; the beloved grandfather of Richard R. Herod III, of Woodbury, Minn., Daniel B. Herod and wife, Marlena, of Mayville, Wis., and Emily Ruth and Laura Anne Henderson, of Bolivar; and a very proud great-grandfather to Logan Daniel Herod. A 1936 graduate of Point Marion High School, Richard graduated from California State Teachers College in 1940 and taught special education in Hanover, until his father's untimely death in 1942. He then attended Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, graduating first in his class in 1944. After receiving his funeral director's license, he owned and operated the family funeral home providing service to local families and those in surrounding communities until his retirement in 1986. Since then, he has remained active at the funeral home, assisting with visitations and funerals. He was licensed as a funeral director in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia, was the oldest member of the Southwestern Funeral Directors Association, served as a Fayette County Deputy Coroner for over 40 years, and was currently in the process of completing his continuing education requirements to maintain his licensure. Richard was a pillar of the First Baptist Church in Point Marion, of which his parents were among the charter families. As a lifetime member he directed the four part church choir for over 25 years, sharing his passionate love of music and singing in his resonant bass voice. He continued to remain active in the community, and was the oldest member of the Point Marion Rotary Club, in which he was a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow, and currently had 62 years of continuous active service, served on the Albert Gallatin Visiting Nurses Association Board of Directors for Volunteer Services and was past president of the Point Marion Chamber of Commerce. His love of Point Marion was well known, as was his knowledge of the history of the town and families in the area. His mark on the community and the people he served will long be remembered. His loving guidance, quick wit and constant support will be missed by his family and friends. The community is invited to pay their respects at the RICHARD R. HEROD FUNERAL HOME, 501 Morgantown St., Point Marion, on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and Thursday in the First Baptist Church from 10 to 11 a.m., the hour of service. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Margaret Mandzok
Monessen

Margaret Petrusky Bill Mandzok, 90, of Monessen, who passed away Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in The Uniontown Hospital, is survived by two great-grandsons, Darian and Kyan Sapko. A blessing service will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 9 a.m., followed by funeral services at 9:30 a.m. in St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox Church in Monessen with Father Rum Stoychez officiating. Interment will be in Grandview Cemetery, Monessen. A Parastas service will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Luther J. McIntyre Sr.
Rostraver Township

Luther James McIntyre Sr., 86, of Pricedale (Rostraver Township), departed this life on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in Kenric Manor Nursing Home, Donora. Born June 18, 1921, in Roxboro, N.C., he was the son of the late James Luther McIntyre and Nellie Kelley Goldman McIntyre. He was retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. with 46 years of service, and he was a faithful member of Pleasant Green A.M.E. Church in Pricedale. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 67 years, Martha Minnie McIntyre; three sons, Terrance McIntyre, of Monessen, Luther Jr. (Melanie) McIntyre, of Belle Vernon, and Marlon McIntyre, of Pricedale; three daughters, Lutricia Osborne, of Ayden, N.C., Shelma Lee, of Pricedale, and Bonnie Chilton, of New Eagle; one sister and brother, Rosea Parks and Paris McIntyre, of Harrisburg; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; and cousins, friends and church family. He will be sorely missed. Friends will be received Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in Pleasant Green A.M.E. Church, 403 Johnson Ave., Belle Vernon, where a blessing service will be held Thursday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Patricia Dudley officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Professional arrangements have been gently placed in the hands of the HOUSE OF JACKSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1324 Meldon Ave., Donora (724-379-5420); Karl Jackson, funeral director.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Anne Murphy
North Charleroi

Anne Pohonich Murphy, 84, of North Charleroi, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Oct. 6, 1923, in North Charleroi, the daughter of the late Michael and Mary Pohonich. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi and an avid supporter of the Disabled American Veterans and Father Flanagan's Boys and Girls Town. Anne attended the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Wilkinsburg but left prior to graduation to care for her family after the death of her brother. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Terry Semon, with whom she resided, and Colleen and Cliff Nickisher, all of North Charleroi; one son, Bernard "Murph" Murphy and Tina Ward of Wilkinsburg; three grandchildren, Leigh Anne (John) Bruno, and Katie and Thomas Ward; and one very special great-granddaughter, Kirstie Leigh Bruno, whom she adored. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James B. Murphy; and two brothers, Charles Pohonich, who was killed during World War II and earned the Gold Star and Purple Heart, and John Pohonich. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church, followed by interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Harry L. Prentice Jr.
Bentleyville

Harry L. Prentice Jr., 73, of Bentleyville, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in Washington. He was born June 12, 1934, in Charleroi, a son of Harry L. Sr. and Jean Smith Prentice. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served with the military police, and retired from Corning Glass in Charleroi. Mr. Prentice was a member of American Legion Post No. 22 in Charleroi and a union president for Corning Glass Inc., Local 53, for 11 years. He was an avid fisherman. Surviving is his companion of 18 years, JoAnne Davis, of Washington; sons, Steven Prentice, of Fallowfield Township, and Kenneth, Terry and Johnny Prentice, all of Charleroi; a brother, David Prentice, of Perryopolis; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Prentice, of Charleroi; nine grandchildren, Samantha, Ashley, Kara and Steven Prentice, Megan, Zach and Krista Efaw, and Jolene and Haeleah Anderson; and a great-grandson, Julius Efaw. Deceased is one son, Charles Prentice; and two brothers, Richard and Charles Prentice. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the LEONARD M. PAVLIC FUNERAL HOMES INC., 235 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, with Pastor Don Anders officiating. Interment will be held in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Township, at a later date.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Peter A. Sopko Sr.
Fayette City

Peter Andrew Sopko Sr., 90, of Fayette City, passed away Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, in Country Care Manor, Fayette City (Washington Township). He was born Oct. 23, 1917, in Washington Township (Gillespie), a son of the late John Sopko and the late Elizabeth Stanko Sopko. He was the last surviving member of the Sopko family. He was a member of Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church in Fayette City; a past Democratic Committeeman for Washington Township District No. 2; a previous member of the Washington Township Municipal Authority; member of Brightwell-Daughtery Post No. 484 American Legion, Fayette City; Italian American Heritage Society and Sokol Gymnastics. Mr. Sopko was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served from 1942 to 1945. He was retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel. Mr. Sopko was a graduate of Fayette City High School Class of 1935 and served as class treasurer. Pete took great pride in his vegetable garden and his relatives told him he had "hands of gold". He is survived by his wife, Agnes Mary DiGregorio Sopko; his daughter-in-law, Mary Kathleen Sopko, of Belle Vernon, and her children, Patrick A. Sopko and fiancee, Lori Zatlokovicz, Megan Kathleen Sopko and Brennan Joseph Sopko; his daughter, Anna Jean Sopko Stuchal and husband, Dennis, of Masontown, and their children, Elissa Marie and Amy Michelle Stuchal; and son, Paul Sopko and wife, Milana Galagaza-Sopko, of Washington, and their children, Chelsea Danette and Nicole Marrie Sopko. He was preceded in death by a son, Peter Andrew Sopko Jr.; two brothers, John and Stephen Sopko; and three sisters, Mary Simkovic, Anna Schoener and Margaret Sopko. Friends will be received in the ELEY-McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., 334 Main St., Fayette City (724-326-5621) on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 10, until 9:30 a.m., when a blessing service will take place, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Holy Spirit R.C. Church, Fayette City, with the Rev. Lawrence Manchas as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Fayette City. www.eleymccroryfuneralhome.com

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Julia E. Suchy
Formerly of Monessen

Julia E. "Lil" Suchy, 79, formerly of Monessen, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, in Excela Health-Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. A complete obituary and memorial service information will be announced at a later date by the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700).

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph R. Vadella Jr.
Belle Vernon

Joseph R. Vadella Jr., 78, of Belle Vernon, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. A son of the late Joseph R. and Carmella Cimmino Vadella, he was born in Belle Vernon on Feb. 22, 1929. A lifelong resident of Belle Vernon, he was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, the VFW Post No. 699 of Belle Vernon and retired from the Allenport Plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Company in 1987, where he was the superintendent of the Annealing Department. Joe attended Washington and Jefferson College for two years prior to serving in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean Conflict, was inducted into the Belle Vernon Area Football Hall of Fame with the Class of 2002 and was a dedicated Steelers fan. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Shirley Waiton Vadella; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey R. and Dotty Vadella, of Imperial; one daughter and son-in-law, Patti Jo and Ron Kalvesmaki, of Belle Vernon; one brother and sister-in-law, Patrick and Bane Vadella, of Elco; three grandchildren, Shaun and Erik Vadella and Cameron Kalvesmaki; two sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law, Marcella and Jack Dailey, of Charlotte, N.C., Deborah and David Richard, of Parkland, Fla., and Art Steiner, of Belle Vernon; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Babe Toth and Angeline Cherock; four brothers, Fred, Frankie, Tony and Ralph Matrozzo; and one sister-in-law, Edith Steiner. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.fergusonfuneralhome-andcrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. J.E. Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Members of VFW Post No. 699 will meet in the funeral home to hold services Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER CLUB

The Bottino children, Anthony, 11; Kayla, 10; Alexander, 8; Andrew and Dominic, 6; joined the Christmas Cheer Club. They're the children of Anthony and Tara Bottino, of Monongahela.

Landon, 10 months, and Logan Keller, 4, joined the Christmas Cheer Club. They're the children of Matthew and Jill Keller, of Belle Vernon.

TODAY IN HISTORY

January 8

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2008. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Jan 8, 1935, rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

On this date:

■ In 1798, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was declared in effect by President John Adams nearly three years after its ratification by the states; it prohibited a citizen of one state from suing another state in federal court.

■ In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

■ In 1918, President Wilson outlined his "Fourteen Points" for lasting peace after World War I.

■ In 1918, Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

■ In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

■ In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson declared a "War on Poverty" in his State of the Union address.

■ In 1965, the Star of India and other stolen gems were returned to the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

■ In 1973, the Paris peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed.

■ In 1976, Chinese premier Zhou Enlai died in Beijing.

■ In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.

■ **Ten years ago**: Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life imprisonment. Air traffic control over the Pacific broke down for 16 hours; officials said the outage posed no real danger. At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Philadelphia, Michelle Kwan received seven perfect presentation marks out of nine for her short program.

■ **Five years ago**: A commuter plane crashed at the Charlotte, N.C., airport, killing all 21 people on board. A Turkish Airlines jet crashed in Turkey, killing 75 people.

■ **One year ago**: A Moroccan man convicted of aiding three of the four suicide pilots who had committed the 9/11 attacks was sentenced by a German court to the maximum of 15 years in prison for his role in the terror plot. The Florida Gators won college football's national championship by defeating the Ohio State Buckeyes 41-14. Actress Yvonne De Carlo died in Woodland Hills, Calif., at age 84.

Associated Press

U.S. Army soldiers from Blackfoot Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, interrogate a suspect during the initial phase of Operation Raider Harvest, which is under way along with Phantom Phoenix.

Major joint operation begins against al-Qaida

U.S. says al-Qaida is attempting to establish new support areas in northern Iraq.

By ELENA BECATOROS
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi forces launched a major operation to strike against al-Qaida in Iraq and other extremists, the U.S. military said today, in an effort to build on a recent overall reduction of violence and push militants from their strongholds.

The division and brigade-level operation, dubbed Phantom Phoenix, will cover the entire country, the military said.

"Phantom Phoenix will synchronize lethal and non-lethal effects to exploit recent security gains and disrupt terrorist support zones and enemy command and control," the military said in a statement.

Violence across Iraq has fallen dramatically in recent months, an improvement attributed to a combination of 30,000 extra troops sent into the Baghdad area; the work of U.S.-backed predominantly Sunni tribal groups who turned against al-Qaida in Iraq; and a cease-fire declared by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr for his Mahdi Army militia.

"Al-Qaida in Iraq is attempting to regain strength and establish new support areas in northern Iraq," said Lt. Col. James Hutton, a spokesman for the U.S. military. "AQI has fled its former sanctuaries and remains a dangerous foe."

Extremists have been pushed out of their former stronghold in Anbar province west of Baghdad, and appear to be concentrated in the province of Diyala to the northeast of the capital and in Mosul to the north.

U.S. and Iraqi forces will "continue to pursue al-Qaida and other extremists wherever they attempt to take sanctuary," Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, the No. 2 commander in Iraq, said in a statement announcing the start of the joint operation. "We are determined not to allow these brutal elements to have respite anywhere in Iraq."

Team probing assassination given free hand by president

Bhutto's killing plunged Pakistan into deeper political crisis.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — President Pervez Musharraf told British forensic experts today they would have a free hand in investigating the circumstances surrounding the assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, a government official said.

The promise appeared to be a softening of the government's position on the probe. Last week, Musharraf told reporters the investigators would not be allowed to go on a "wild goose chase" and investigate claims the government was behind Bhutto's killing in a Dec. 27 shooting and bombing attack.

"The president assured (the investigators) of his full support and said that they were totally free to conduct their probe, and no one will interfere in their affairs," Interior Ministry spokesman Javed Iqbal Cheema said.

The government blamed the attack on Islamic militants and initially said Bhutto was killed when the force of the blast slammed her head into a lever on the sunroof of her car. The opposition blamed elements of the ruling party and said she was killed by gunshot wounds.

Bhutto's killing plunged Pakistan, a key U.S. ally in the war on terror, even deeper into political crisis at a time when it is battling militants linked to al-Qaida and the Taliban movement. Elections originally set for Jan. 8 have since been pushed back to Feb. 18 because of unrest after the slaying, despite demands from Bhutto's and other opposition parties that they be held as scheduled.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Bomb kills U.S.-led coalition members

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A roadside bomb killed two soldiers from the U.S.-led coalition in eastern Afghanistan, and a suicide bomber on a motorcycle attacked a border police patrol in the south, killing a police officer, officials said.

Clashes and another roadside bomb left nine people dead elsewhere.

In the eastern blast, one other U.S.-led coalition soldier was wounded when the roadside bomb hit their vehicle Monday in Kot district of Nangarhar province, the coalition said in a statement. The military originally announced that two soldiers were wounded but later said one of the wounded had died.

The troops were responding to a call from the local police who had discovered another explosive device nearby, when the second bomb exploded, the statement said.

The nationalities of the dead and the wounded soldiers were not released. The majority of the troops in that area are American.

Winter tornadoes strike Midwest

WHEATLAND, Wis. (AP) — A freak cluster of tornadoes raked across an unseasonably warm Midwest, demolishing houses, knocking railroad cars off their tracks and even temporarily halting justice in one courthouse.

Record temperatures were reported across much of the country Monday, and storms continued to pummel the nation's midsection as darkness fell. More warmth and storms were in store for Tuesday.

Tornadoes were reported or suspected Monday in southwest Missouri, southeastern Wisconsin, Arkansas, Illinois and Oklahoma. Two people were killed in Missouri.

Eleven houses in Wisconsin's Kenosha County were destroyed, five others had heavy damage and four had moderate damage, authorities said. About 13 people were injured, none seriously.

"I have never seen damage like this in the summertime when we have potential for tornadoes," Sheriff David Beth said. "To see something like this in January is mind-boggling to me. This is just unimaginable to me."

Kenya death toll as high as 1,000?

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Under U.S. pressure, Kenya's president and his chief rival agreed to talks and made other concessions to end their deadly election dispute. The opposition, meanwhile, claimed violence, much of it fueled by tribal rivalries, has killed up to 1,000 people, but the government put the toll at nearly 500.

The top American envoy to Africa said the vote count at the heart of the dispute was tampered with but that both sides could have been involved. The Dec. 27 election returned President Mwai Kibaki to power for another five-year term. Fiery opponent Raila Odinga came in a close second.

"Yes, there was rigging," the U.S. envoy, Jendayi Frazer, told The Associated Press in an interview Monday in Nairobi, where she has been meeting with Kibaki and Odinga for the past three days.

"I mean there were problems with the vote counting process." She added: "Both the parties could have rigged." She said she did not want to blame either Kibaki or Odinga.

Kenya's electoral commission chairman Samuel Kivuiti has himself said he is not sure Kibaki won, though the chairman officially declared Kibaki the winner in the closest presidential election in Kenya's history.

Turkish president visits White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Turkish president's visit to the White House is seen as a major sign of improved relations between NATO allies after five years of acrimony over the Iraq war and U.S. policy on Turkey's fight against Kurdish rebels.

President Abdullah Gul 's meeting with President Bush follows a visit by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan two months ago that resulted in a commitment by Bush to share intelligence on Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, rebels and not to object to Turkish airstrikes against the Kurdish guerrillas' installations in northern Iraq.

The two sides have even established a coordination center in Ankara so Turks, Iraqis and Americans can share information.

PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Monday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $200,000.

Lottery officials said 112 players matched four numbers and won $376 each; 4,325 players matched three numbers and won $10.50 each; and 46,466 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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NIGHT PICK 3: 6-9-2
DAY PICK BIG 4: 6-4-0-7
NIGHT PICK BIG 4: 7-9-2-3
TREASURE HUNT: 7-16-22-27-28
MIX & MATCH: 5-6-7-15-1
CASH 5: 1-19-23-35-39

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, JAN. 7

DAY PICK 3: 2-9-1
NIGHT PICK 3: 6-2-9
DAY PICK 4: 3-2-9-5
NIGHT PICK 4: 5-8-0-9
ROLLING CASH 5: 1-4-7-12-24

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, JAN. 7

DAILY 3: 1-5-6
DAILY 4: 0-5-5-5
CASH 25: 3-6-7-22-24-25

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OUR OPINION

Better times ahead for Steelers

IT WAS A DISAPPOINTING ending to a disappointing season for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

After a strong start, fans of the Black and Gold watched their beloved team disintegrate after its Nov. 18 overtime loss to the Jets.

Unfortunately, the team never really recovered from that embarrassing debacle and went on to lose half of its six final regular season games.

Saturday's 31-29 playoff loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars brings to an end a season that started with high expectations.

A string of injuries, consistently horrendous special teams performances and some questionable play-calling along the way — particularly during the second half of the season — led to some surprise that the team even made it to the playoffs.

So not too many people were surprised when the season came to a history-making conclusion when Jacksonville became the first team in the franchise's 75-year history to beat Pittsburgh twice at home in the same season.

They might be hard to remember, but there were high points during the season.

Running back WIllie Parker was the league's leading rusher, ahead of San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson, before breaking his leg in the Dec. 20 game in St. Louis.

Ben Roethlisberger was rated the league's No. 2 quarterback going into Saturday's game, second only to the Patriots' Tom Brady. Despite throwing three interceptions in the playoff loss, the young quarterback had a great season and is destined to become even better in the coming years.

Now that coach Mike Tomlin has his inaugural season behind him, we know he will begin to focus on next year.

With all of the problems that became more apparent as the season unfolded, we hope the organization will take a hard look at correcting those issues. Special teams and the offensive line come to mind when looking at the season's top disappointments.

But, next year will start with a fresh slate and a new and (hopefully) healthy team.

And just as the team rallied in the second half of Saturday's playoff game, disappointed Steelers' fans will rally in the off-season and come back in August full of hope and high expectations for a better season.

ANOTHER VIEW

The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer, on the presidential race:

Here we have a presidential race with huge fields in both major parties, and with such long campaign periods both before and after the first primaries straining candidates' war chests to the point that most have to win early or bow out quickly.

Or more to the point, here we don't have it. Now, far be it from us ... to whine, but a couple of states whose importance lies in nothing more than dates on a calendar are poised to have a ridiculously outsized impact on the rest of the nation's presidential choices.

The numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Iowa Caucus Project 2008 and The Associated Press tell the tale eloquently:

- 175 million U.S. registered voters
- 850,836 registered voters in Iowa and New Hampshire, combined

Any way you look at it, the primary process is terribly skewed. Either we're asking too much of Iowa and New Hampshire, or we're conceding too much to them.

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Top 10 agenda for moderate graybeards

Morton **KONDRACKE**

While the political world is fixated this weekend on what the Iowa caucus results mean for New Hampshire, something really useful could be unfolding at the University of Oklahoma.

That's where a bipartisan group of moderate ex-politicians is gathering to discuss how to solve the top policy problems facing America.

Advance publicity has focused on the possible third-party presidential candidacy of one participant, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, but he said rather definitively in Times Square on New Year's Eve, "No, I will not run for president. But I will speak out to try to get people to really focus on the issues and to get rid of partisanship and special interests."

If Bloomberg meant what he said in the absence of a centrist Independent presidential candidate, what the nation needs is a moderate, "post-partisan" agenda pointing to solutions for the country's most pressing problems and a group of wise men and women willing to advocate for them aggressively.

That's what could start to emerge from the gathering in Oklahoma called by former Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., now OU president.

The graybeard group includes former Sens. William Cohen, R-Maine, and Sam Nunn, D-Ga., who are planning a separate bipartisan issues effort; plus ex-Sen. Bill Brock, R-Tenn., also a former GOP national chairman; former New Jersey Gov. Christie Todd Whitman (R); retiring Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.; and ex-Sens. Chuck Robb, D-Va., and Gary Hart, D-Colo.

Ideally, the group could get behind something like a list of 10 Big Things That Need to Get Done. Here's a potential list:

1. At last, provide American children with world-class public education. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the landmark report "A Nation At Risk," and still one-third of U.S. children — and half of minority children — don't finish high school, only a third are proficient in reading and math, and U.S. kids rank far behind the rest of the developed world in math and science.

In a competitive world economy, this is a recipe for the collapse of the American standard of living. The Cohen-Nunn graybeards ought to back strengthening the No Child Left Behind law and promote a grand bargain for teachers and principals — professional pay for professional accountability.

2. Provide universal early-childhood education. Every study on the subject demonstrates that the most cost-effective way of closing the nation's inequality gap — which will produce a mounting economic burden on productive workers in the future — is quality preschool preparedness. Well-off parents can provide their kids with preschool, but the government should guarantee it for poor kids.

3. Double federal support for basic scientific research. Congress at last has approved increases for the National Science Foundation and the Energy Department, but actually cut biomedical research.

4. Make Social Security solvent with another grand bargain: Shave benefits for future retirees by indexing them to inflation, not wage rates; lift the income cap on payroll taxes to provide added revenue; and establish a personal savings-account system atop Social Security that eventually could be part of it.

5. Means-test Medicare benefits, and use the soon-to-be-insolvent Medicare system to prod the U.S. healthcare industry toward rewarding providers for keeping people healthy, not simply treating illness.

6. Reform the U.S. health care system by making private insurance coverage mandatory, with tax credits available for people and small businesses that can't afford premiums. Partly meet the cost by eliminating tax breaks for so-called "Cadillac" health plans. Get all medical records computerized, and make data on hospitals, drugs, treatments and doctors available online.

7. Control America's borders once and for all — with fences, where needed. Provide legal opportunities for guest workers and avenues for illegal immigrants to earn legal status. Also, expand visa opportunities for skilled workers, especially scientists, and provide federal impact aid to communities especially burdened by illegal immigration.

8. Advance the twin causes of energy independence and reducing greenhouse emissions by enacting an escalating carbon tax. Encourage all forms of available alternative energy, including nuclear power. Expanding research into "frontier" alternatives such as "clean coal," cellulosic ethanol, hydrogen and fuel cells, and expand domestic oil drilling as a temporary alternative to foreign sources.

9. Rebuild America's infrastructure — highways, bridges, railroads, airports and air-traffic control, waterways and urban utilities — with maximum possible use of private funding and competition to improve efficiency.

10. Reform America's tax laws to make them fairer and simpler, and encourage savings and investment rather than consumption. One possible model is the New America Foundation's proposed "progressive consumption tax," which would base taxes on the difference between income and savings, with rates rising with income.

This is a domestic policy list. The graybeards might also want to recommend a new American foreign policy that would include a bigger active-duty military trained for "nation building" and counterinsurgency, much-improved intelligence and expanded foreign aid and free trade, plus forceful — but sometimes coercive — diplomacy.

Besides a policy agenda, the most useful immediate product from Oklahoma would be a joint declaration of "Enough, already!" about the excessive polarization of American politics — the poison that makes it impossible for Republicans and Democrats to agree on fixes for any of America's big problems.

It'll be unfortunate if no one runs for president on a platform of centrist, grand-bargain solutions to America's problems.

If so, the graybeards need to speak loudly, form alliances and rally a public that is fed up with polarized gridlock.

Morton Kondracke is executive editor of Roll Call, the newspaper of Capitol Hill.

Get on the right side in Pakistan

ANOTHER VIEW

It has taken less than a week for the tragedy of Benazir Bhutto's assassination to segue into the farce of a potentially disastrous dynastic succession. The slain former prime minister, a woman of enormous strengths and flaws, certainly had the legitimacy to be Pakistan's preeminent opposition leader. Her successors, a notoriously corrupt husband and a sheltered 19-year-old son, do not. Neither is qualified to lead a nuclear-armed nation of 165 million citizens, many of them understandably angry and demoralized. ...

However belatedly, the Bush administration should also seize this moment to get on the right side of history in Pakistan. Its ignominious plan to keep Pervez Musharraf in the presidency while ushering in the popular Bhutto to serve as prime minister is now in ruins. Whether or not Musharraf's government was culpable or negligent in Bhutto's death, its handling of the assassination has created grave doubts about its intentions. ...

... The Bush administration should immediately endorse calls for an international inquiry into Bhutto's assassination, just as it backed the establishment of a special United Nations tribunal to investigate the murder of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. ...

The United States has little political leverage to show for its billions of dollars in military aid to Musharraf — much of which has allegedly been diverted from the struggle against Islamist jihadists to the struggle against India. But it can and should refuse to recognize sham elections that would give Musharraf a fake mandate. Washington should insist as a condition of future aid that Musharraf allow genuinely free and fair elections. These will by no means ensure Pakistan's political stability, but the alternative is incalculably worse.

— *Los Angeles Times*

Snoring: Warning sign of sleep apnea

Medicare proposal for at-home test might help catch more patients.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Loud snoring doesn't just annoy your spouse. It could signal dangerous sleep apnea, yet millions go undiagnosed.

A government move may help change that: Medicare is poised to allow at-home testing for sleep apnea — letting people snooze in their own beds instead of spending the night in a sleep laboratory.

It's a controversial proposal, but potentially a far-reaching one. Some 18 million Americans are estimated to suffer from sleep apnea, yet specialists think fewer than half know it.

"It's been awkward and inconvenient and expensive to get a sleep test, and now that should be improved," says Dr. Terence Davidson of the University of California, San Diego, a longtime proponent of home-testing.

Today, Medicare pays for sleep apnea treatment — called CPAP, a mask that blows air through the nose while sleeping — only for seniors diagnosed in a sleep lab. Last month, Medicare proposed covering those diagnosed with cheaper home tests, too. The public may comment on the proposal until next week; final approval is expected in March.

While sleep apnea is a problem for seniors, it is most common in middle-aged men. But private insurers now reluctant to cover home apnea testing are expected to follow the government's lead, thus easing access for all ages.

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> Dr. Terence Davidson

Sleep apnea doesn't just deprive family members of their own zzzz's. Sufferers actually quit breathing for 30 seconds or so at a time, as their throat muscles temporarily collapse. They jerk awake to gasp in air, sometimes more than 15 times an hour. They're fatigued the next day because their brains never got enough deep sleep.

Severe apnea increases the chance of a car crash sevenfold. Research from UCSD suggests 1,400 deaths each year are caused by drivers with sleep apnea.

Worse, sleep apnea stresses the body in ways that also increase risk of high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke and diabetes.

Not every apnea patient is a bad snorer, and a low rumble may not be cause for concern. But sleep apnea's trademark is bad snoring, the snorting, choking kind. Other risk factors: Being overweight, having small airways, and apnea in the family.

Yet patients don't remember the nightly breathing struggle, and often don't see a doctor unless a family member complains about snoring — or until daytime sleepiness gets so bad they can't function.

Only then comes the test debate.

There are dozens of sleep disorders. A night slumbering in a sleep lab, hooked to monitors that measure both breathing and brain waves while health workers watch, has long been the standard for telling who has sleep apnea or another disorder.

But this lab-based polysomnography, or PSG, can cost $1,500. And while access has improved, there are swaths of the country where reaching a sleep lab can mean a few hundred miles' drive.

For about $500, home tests use primarily breathing monitors to detect only sleep apnea, not other disorders. Hook it up at bedtime, and a doctor checks the recordings later.

A home test can miss apnea, because it won't signal if someone never fell into that deep REM sleep where breathing is most likely to falter, says Dr. Thomas Gravelyn of the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital sleep center in Ann Arbor, Mich., who opposes the Medicare change.

"You have this good feeling that everything was taken care of, when in fact it wasn't," he says.

"It certainly is possible to diagnose severe apnea at home," adds Dr. Joyce Walsleben, chief of New York University's sleep center. "What if it isn't severe? Are you willing to say it doesn't exist at all if you get a negative study?"

Still, a Canadian study published last year randomly assigned suspected apnea sufferers to either a sleep lab or home testing, and found they worked equally well.

Last month, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, which represents sleep centers, changed its position to say home tests can help certain high-risk patients — but should be administered by sleep specialists.

Medicare's proposal wouldn't limit which doctors offer home tests. The American Academy of Otolaryngology, head-and-neck surgeons, requested the change.

In fact, Medicare concluded a sleep-lab test isn't perfect, either — and thus proposed that all patients get a 12-week trial of CPAP treatment. Only if their doctors certify they're being helped would treatment continue.

That's important, because about half of apnea patients prescribed CPAP struggle to use it, says Dr. Charles Atwood of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, a home-test proponent. What he calls tricks of the trade — trying differently shaped masks, adjusting the air pressure, adding a humidifier to moisten nostrils — early could keep more of them in care.

Consider Raymond Miles, 57, diagnosed with a sleep-lab study a few years ago. While he felt better with CPAP treatment, Miles quit it in frustration when he couldn't get help maintaining it.

Two weeks ago, nudged by his wife, Miles underwent a home test with a different doctor to see if it's time to try care again.

"There's a different level of comfort being at home," Miles says of the testing.

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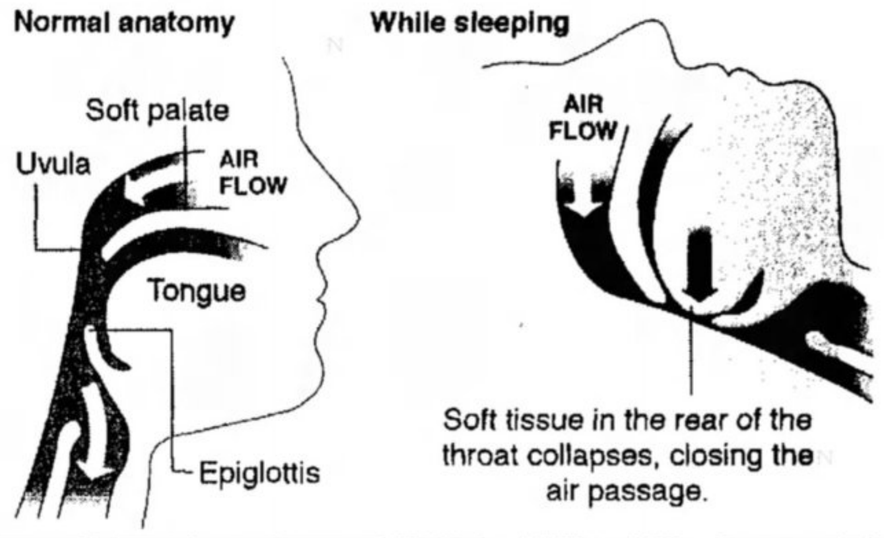
Blockage causing a restless slumber

People with untreated sleep apnea stop breathing during their sleep – up to a hundred times a night – most commonly due to an obstructed airway.



SOURCE: American Sleep Apnea Association AP

Associated Press

This artist rendering shows Roy Englert, who argued on behalf of state of Kentucky in the death penalty lethal injection case before the Supreme Court in Washington Monday.

Court appears divided over drugs used in lethal injections

Case focuses on whether chemicals cause excessive pain.

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court appeared divided Monday over whether the drugs commonly injected to execute prisoners risk causing excruciating pain in violation of the Constitution.

Several justices indicated a willingness to preserve the three-drug cocktail that is authorized by three dozen states that allow executions. Such a decision would allow lethal injections, on hold since late September, to resume quickly.

Justice Antonin Scalia said states have been careful to adopt procedures that do not seek to inflict pain and should not be barred from carrying out executions even if prison officials sometimes make mistakes in administering drugs.

"There is no painless requirement" in the Constitution, Scalia said. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito also indicated their support for the states' procedures.

Other members of the court, who have raised questions about lethal injection in the past, said they are bothered by the procedures used in Kentucky and elsewhere in which three drugs are administered in succession to knock out, paralyze and kill prisoners.

The argument against the three-drug protocol is that if the initial anesthetic does not take hold, a third drug that stops the heart can cause excruciating pain. The second drug, meanwhile, paralyzes the prisoner, rendering him unable to express his discomfort.

"I'm terribly troubled by the fact that the second drug is what seems to cause all the risk of excruciating pain, and seems to be almost totally unnecessary," said Justice John Paul Stevens.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, who often plays a decisive role on the closely divided court, gave little indication of his views.

The case before the court comes from Kentucky, in which two death row inmates are not asking to be spared execution or death by injection. Instead, they want the court to order a switch to a single drug, a barbiturate, that causes no pain and can be given in a large enough dose to cause death.

At the very least, they are asking for tighter controls on the three-drug process to ensure that the anesthetic is given properly.

A decision should come by late June.

Justice Stephen Breyer seemed to capture the discomfort of the court, which has upheld the constitutionality of capital punishment.

"There is a risk of human error generally where you're talking about the death penalty, and this may be one extra problem," Breyer said. "But the question here is can we say that there is a more serious problem here than with other execution methods?"

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TV & ENTERTAINMENT

Sister is right to roll up welcome mat at cottage

DEAR ABBY: I completely agree with your reply to "Sorry No Vacancy" (Nov. 2), advising the writer to stand her ground regarding the vacation house.

It appears she was raised in a household with brothers who were used to bossing their sister around, and a mother who allowed the boys to do it.

They had their chance to work on the house, but lacked the vision and work ethic their sister had. They sold her their share and contributed nothing to the final result.

They have no right to now claim ownership privileges. If the mother thinks her sons need a second home to vacation in, she should pass out keys to her own house.

As you may have guessed,

Dear **ABBY**

I grew up in a home where boys were more valued than girls, and I remember how hard it was to strive for equal respect. — **KATHRYN B., BETHEL, ARK.**

DEAR KATHRYN: Many readers had the same reaction as yours: The problem is the brothers' greed, and the "key" to her dilemma should be to remove the welcome mat. "Sorry" should enjoy her vacation home because she deserves to. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Sorry's" situation reminded me of the story of "The Little Red Hen," in which the cat, dog and mouse slept all day while the little red hen planted, sowed, watered and milled the grain. Then when the bread was baked, the dog, cat and mouse all wanted to "help" eat it. The little red hen wouldn't give them one bite because she had done all the work.

Those jealous brothers need to back off and let their sister have her house. I wouldn't even invite them for a picnic. Perhaps then they'd learn their lesson like the animals in that famous children's story.

Stick to your guns, girl! — **HOPING YOU DO IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired banker and have dealt with a number of family situations similar to the one in "Sorry's" letter. Her brothers are deadbeats. They are more than happy to enjoy the benefits of the completed project, but were nowhere to be found when the planning, expense and work were being done.

"Sorry" has tried to handle this correctly from the beginning. Each brother was given the opportunity of equal ownership. They all opted to take the money and run.

What "Sorry" should do now is what she did in the beginning: have the property appraised in its improved condition, then offer to let each brother buy — at current market value — an equal position or buy the property in full.

By the way, I have never seen one deadbeat pay up. These guys ran the first time, and they'll run again. People like them always do. — **BOB B., DESTIN, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, our family cottage passed on to the second generation. It was rundown and needed costly repairs and renovations. My husband and I lived closest to it; consequently, we won the "work lottery."

I made my brothers an offer through an attorney: "I'll pay each of you your fair share of the assessed value of the cottage, and you will always be welcome for overnight visits." Everyone agreed, and my checks were sent out. It has been a grand open house ever since — reunions, parties, etc. Twenty years have passed, generations of relatives still come and go, and I couldn't be happier. — **VISITORS WELCOME IN WISCONSIN**

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E!	Snoop Father	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	★★ Drop Dead Gorgeous (1999)				Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	E! News	Chelsea Lately	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	Wild Cop	Chelsea Lately
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Indiana at Michigan.				College Basketball Florida at Alabama.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	NBA Fastbreak	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Stump-Schwab	Stump-Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing: Cooper vs. Holyfield		Russo & Steele Car Auction (N)		American Gladiators		Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.		Boxing	Boxing	UWF Wrestling	UWF Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		College Basketball Wichita State at Missouri State.				NBA Coast-to-Coast					Mix Tape Tour	No Limits	Wtr. X-Games	Winter X-Games Classix (N)		Who's Number 1?	
EWTN	Choices-Face	Taking a Stand	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Religious	Holy Rosary	Threshold of Hope		Christ in City	Catholic	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Threshold of Hope	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		You Decide 2008				Hannity & Colmes		You Decide 2008 Shepard Smith.				On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live		Good Eats	Good Eats	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Ace of Cakes	A Cook's Tour	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Ace of Cakes	A Cook's Tour	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Florida Panthers.						FSN Live	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Penguins	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★★ Men of Honor (2000)				★★★ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003)				★★★ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003)						'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid	Guthy-Renker
GOLF	Golf Academy	Inside PGA	Sony Open Highlights		Golf With Style	Golf Central	Big Break: Mesquite		Big Break: Mesquite		Play Lessons	Golf Central	Big Break: Mesquite		Inside PGA	Golf Central	Play Lessons	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		How Much	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chain Reaction	Lingo	Whammy	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		McBride: Fallen Idol (2006)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Small Space	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed-Sell	My Kitchen	Desperate Sp.	Open House	House Hunters	Secrets Sell	House Worth?	Hid Potential	Designed-Sell	My Kitchen	Desperate Sp.	Open House	House Hunters	Secrets Sell
HIST	Wild West Tech		Modern Marvels "Truck Stops"		The Universe "Alien Planets"		The Universe "Alien Moons"		Mega Disasters		Modern Marvels "Apollo 13"		The Universe "Alien Planets"		The Universe "Alien Moons"		Mega Disasters	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Widow on the Hill (2005)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		New Hampshire Primary		New Hampshire Primary		New Hampshire Primary		New Hampshire Primary		MSNBC Special		To Catch a Predator 7	
MTV	True Life	True Life Panic disorder.		Rob & Big	Rob & Big	Life of Ryan	Life of Ryan	Life of Ryan	Life of Ryan	Rob & Big (N)	Real World	Real World	Life of Ryan	Rob & Big	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Bad Girls Club	The Tyra Banks Show		Janice Dickinson Modeling		The Tyra Banks Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs														Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		Tomlin Conf.	NASCAR	Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News	News	News	Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Family"		Dark Angel "Pilot"				Guinea Pig	Guinea Pig	ECW ECW Champion CM Punk.		Guinea Pig	Guinea Pig	Flash Gordon		Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "The End"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: NY "Live or Let Die"		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Office	The Office	Sex and City	Sex and City	★★ The Perfect Score (2004)				★★ Feeling Minnesota (1996)	
TCM	★½ Stay Away, Joe (1968)				★★★½ The Pink Panther (1964)				★★★ The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976)				★★½ Revenge of the Pink Panther (1978)				★½ Trail of the Pink Panther	
TLC	Property Ladder		Flip That House		Miami Ink "No Regrets"		London Ink (N)		LA Ink (N)		LA Ink		London Ink		Miami Ink "No Regrets"		Flip That House	
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		Cold Case "Stalker"		Cold Case "Sherry Darlin'"		Cold Case "Hitchhiker"		Cold Case "Hubris"		Without a Trace "Eating Away"		Without a Trace "Primed"		NYPD Blue "Bad Rap"	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Foster's Home	Courage-Dog	Grim Advent.	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Metalocalypse	Shin Chan	Ghost In Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Top Ten Fun Food Factories		Fun Food Factories 2		Most Unique McDonald's		Treasures	Treasures	Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Most Unique McDonald's		Treasures	Treasures	Bizarre Foods-Zimmern	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford & Son	The Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		★ Coyote Ugly (2000)				Law & Order: SVU		Psych "9 Lives"		★★ Jeepers Creepers 2 (2003)	
VH1	13th Annual Critics' Choice Awards				I Love New York		I Love New York		I Love New York "Reunion"			★★ Be Cool (2005) Chili Palmer runs afoul of record-industry players.					Rock of Love-Bret Michaels	
VS.	Holy ...!	Dakar High.	Holy ...!	NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Detroit Red Wings.					Hockey	TapouT		Boxing Zuri Lawrence vs. Hasim Rahman.				TapouT		Holy ...!
WE	Twister Sisters		Twister Sisters		Twister Sisters		Twister Sisters		Twister Sisters (N)		Alien Abduct	Alien Abduct	Secret Lives of Women		Twister Sisters		Twister Sisters	
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★★★ Cars (2006)				★★★ Eight Below (2006)				★★ The Man in the Iron Mask (1998) Premiere.					★★ Fled (1996)			★★★ Cars (2006)	
HBO	★★½ Bird on a Wire (1990) Premiere.				★★½ We Are Marshall (2006)				★★★ Music and Lyrics (2007)				The Wire "More With Less"		★★½ Poetic Justice (1993)			
MAX	★ Epic Movie	★★ Bandidas (2006)			★½ Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (1998) Premiere.				★★★ Darkman (1990) Premiere.		Sexual Surrender (2004)				Coed Confid.	★★★ Sea of Love (1989)		
SHOW	★★★ Dick (1999)		★★½ The Groomsmen (2006) Premiere.				The L Word "LGB Tease"		★★★½ The Green Mile (1999) A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power.				★½ Tideland (2005) A child copes with the loss of her parents.					
STARZ	Keeping Up With the Steins		★★ Annapolis (2006)				★★★ Bridge to Terabithia (2007)		★★ Blade (1998)				★★★ The Mummy (1999) A mummy seeks revenge for a 3,000-year-old curse.					
TMC	Irish Jam	★★ The Third Wheel (2002)			★½ Black Christmas (2006) A killer stalks sorority sisters.				★ Soul Survivors (2001)		★★★½ Pulp Fiction (1994)						Love Comes	

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If I have my [illegible] April [illegible] again.

Sincerely,

Barbara's [illegible]

Robert Morris pulls upset

Monessen's A.J. Jackson had 15 points and seven rebounds Monday as Robert Morris won at Boston College. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Heisman winner on Mini-Page

Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow, of Florida, is featured on today's Mini-Page. **5B**

Second guessing

Former Steelers coach Bill Cowher didn't like the play calling late in Saturday's loss to Jacksonville. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Who wore No. 66 for the Pittsburgh Steelers before Alan Faneca? **2B**

Last night's games

Dallas 3, Minnesota 1
Edmonton 4, N.Y. Islanders 0
Anaheim 5, Nashville 2

Brian **HERMAN**

Corley not fazed by No. 3 state ranking

Monessen High's unbeaten girls' basketball team was third in Class A in the latest state rankings.

The news didn't faze Lady Greyhounds' coach Major Corley.

"Last year they had us ranked No. 1 and four games later we weren't even in the top 10," recalled Corley.

Twice-beaten North Catholic (11-2) and District 6's Bishop Guilfoyle (11-1) are the teams ahead of 14-0 Monessen.

Even though Monessen will be playing seven of its last nine games at home, with the only road trips to oft-beaten Trinity Christian (4-9) and winless Frazier (0-14), Corley can't picture the first unbeaten regular season in the school's history.

"We have some tough games left," he said. "I don't think we'll go 23-0."

Monessen's next contest is home Thursday with No. 7 Serra, which dropped a 43-41 decision to the Lady Greyhounds last week.

Other rugged tests are expected to come against Class AAA Steel Valley, Clairton and Class AA unbeaten Washington.

Monessen Senior Kelly Mornak needs 16 points against Serra to score 1,000 points and become the 12th player coached by Corley to make the exclusive club.

Mornak has scored 120 points this season after scoring 251 as a freshman, 378 as a sophomore and 235 as a junior.

Christina Chukwuedo is 100 points away from hitting 1,000 in three seasons at two schools.

In her second campaign with Monessen, Chukwuedo has poured in 645 points after getting 255 in her sophomore year at Lewisville in Texas.

On the subject of milestones, Monessen's big 54-42 boys' win over Washington was the 450th for coach Joe Salvino.

■ Sorry to hear of the death last week of Augie Bossu at age 91.

A native of Monongahela, Bossu made a name for himself as one of Ohio's most successful football and baseball coaches at Benedictine High in Cleveland.

He coached from 1953 until March of 1994 at Benedictine, where he put together an overall 991-430-20 record in the two sports and made both the Ohio coaches and National High School Sports Hall of Fames.

Besides being a great coach, Bossu raised eight children on a Catholic high school salary with all graduating from college and six earning post-graduate degrees.

■ And thanks to Fran LaMendola, of Donora, who says to keep your words sweet — you may have to eat them!

RiverRats headed to Erie

Press conference will be held today to formally announce the move.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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Forget about the Pittsburgh RiverRats playing their second season at the Ice Garden in the American Indoor Football Association.

A press conference will be held this afternoon in Erie to announce that the RiverRats will be playing their 2008 home contests at the 5,600-seat Tullio Arena.

"It was a brutally tough decision on a lot of levels," team owner Jeff Hauser said this morning. "I couldn't figure out how to make it work in the Mon Valley, and I did lose a little sleep.

"I'm disappointed for the fans in the Mon Valley, but we had to move on with the season starting in two months. The timing was very important and we couldn't wait any longer."

"No one is more disappointed than myself that the ownership chose to relocate," said the team's general manager Tim Naulty. "I feel the Mon Valley is losing an exciting and affordable sporting venue that would have become more and more popular within the community as time went on.

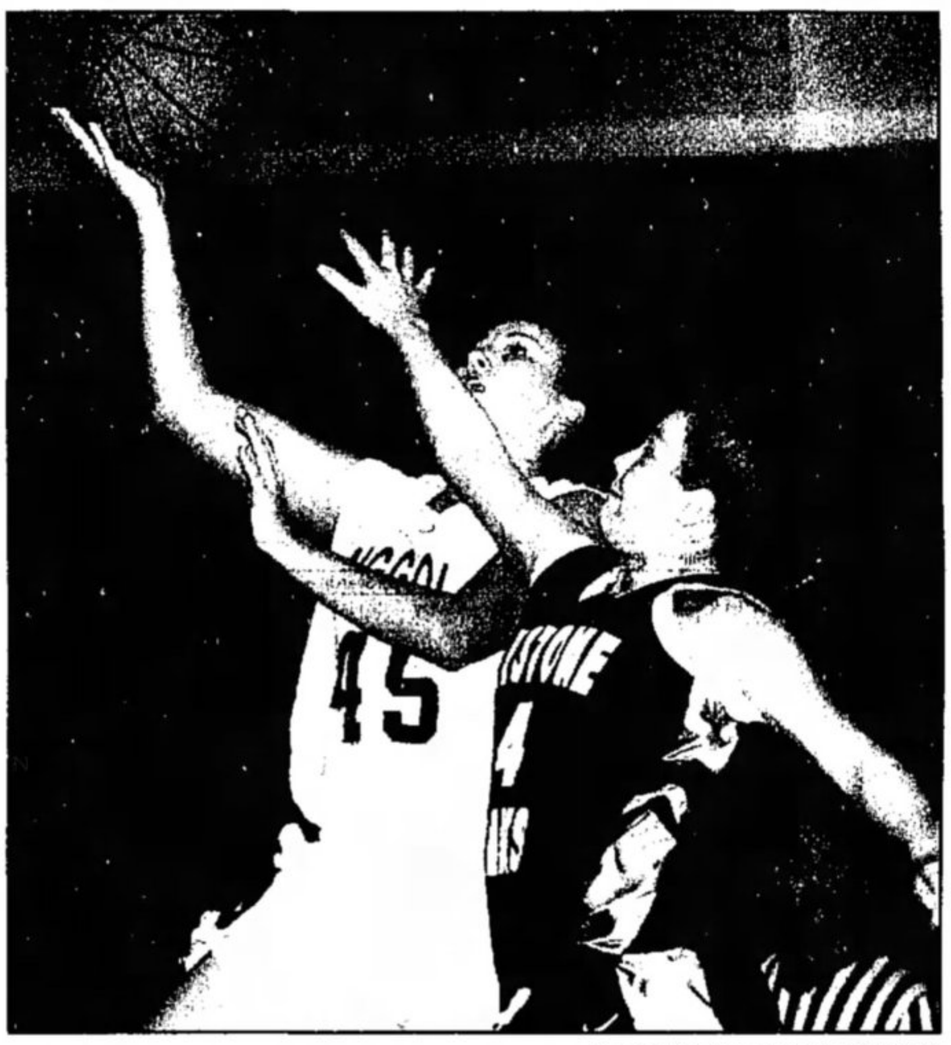
"It's frustrating knowing that many people in the Valley will never again get to experience the great game of indoor football, right here in their backyard."

Even though the RiverRats were the lone expansion team to make the playoffs in 2007, the team only averaged between 1,000 and 1,500 fans at the Rostraver Township arena.

Hauser lost more than $100,000 in his first year.

The Erie Freeze played at the Tullio Arena the past three years, but shut down operations after going 1-13 in 2007.

Lady Rams' win streak hits 10



Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Ringgold's Alina Selby drives past Keystone Oaks' Micaela Stump for two of her 16 points in the Lady Rams' 65-42 win Monday.

Ringgold uses fast start to destroy Keystone Oaks.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

CARROLL TOWNSHIP — Ringgold High's girls continued to gear up for next week's non-section showdown at Elizabeth Forward with a 65-42 win over Keystone Oaks in Class AAA Section 4 Monday.

"The thing I like is that we came out real quick," said Ringgold coach Joe Ravasio. "We had a great first quarter because we were focused."

The Lady Rams (11-2, 4-0) opened the floodgates early en route to their 10th straight win as Emily Schartner hit two 3-pointers in the opening 45 seconds and Alana Resanovich added one 24 seconds later to give Ringgold a 9-2 lead.

Three minutes in, Ringgold was up 12-4, making five of its first six shots.

Schartner finished with 10 first quarter points while Alina Selby added eight as Ringgold led 25-10.

According to Ravasio, Ringgold was able to push the tempo and it gave the team open looks.

He credited his team, but most notably Schartner (10 assists) and Jenny Affinito (seven) with moving the ball well.

Ringgold finished with 22 assists on its 23 baskets.

"We are a very unselfish team," Ravasio said. "We moved the ball really well tonight. As Jenny gets more experience at pushing the ball, we will get better. When she runs, we get to force the tempo and that is what we want."

Schartner's hot start from the outside (four of her three-pointers were before halftime) forced the Lady Eagles to run a box-and-one on her in the third quarter, but Ringgold took advantage.

With the defense spread out, it left room both inside and outside for Ringgold to score.

Selby added three more baskets inside while Affinito (two) and Resanovich (one) added three more trifecta's for the Lady Rams.

For the game, Ringgold hit nine treys.

"We did a good job against the box," Ravasio said. "The guards hit from the outside and worked the ball in and we able to score."

Schartner, who led Ringgold with the 10 assists and also had five rebounds, finished with 23 points on the five three-pointers and eight of nine free throws.

Selby (16) and Affinito (11) also hit double figures for Ringgold.

Maria Costanza led Keystone Oaks (4-8, 1-3) with 10 points.

Ringgold visits second place West Allegheny Thursday.

LSU claims BCS championship

Tigers top final AP poll after 38-24 victory over Ohio State.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Well past midnight, Les Miles wanted to make one more stop.

So when the LSU coach left the Superdome, he made a beeline for Bourbon Street. With his wife, he climbed onto a crowded hotel balcony, hoisted a glittering trophy and gave it a kiss.

Let others claim they could've won the crystal football that goes to the BCS national champion. No matter, it belongs to his Tigers.

Matt Flynn threw four touchdown passes and LSU made it look easy Monday night with a 38-24 win over No. 1 Ohio State, turning the title game into a horrible replay for the Buckeyes.

Now the debate begins: Is LSU tops?

"Certainly there will be some argument as to who's the best team. But I think the national champion has been crowned tonight," Miles said.

In a season of surprises, this was hardly an upset: Ohio State once again fell apart in college football's biggest game, having lost 41-14 to Florida last year in the Arizona desert.

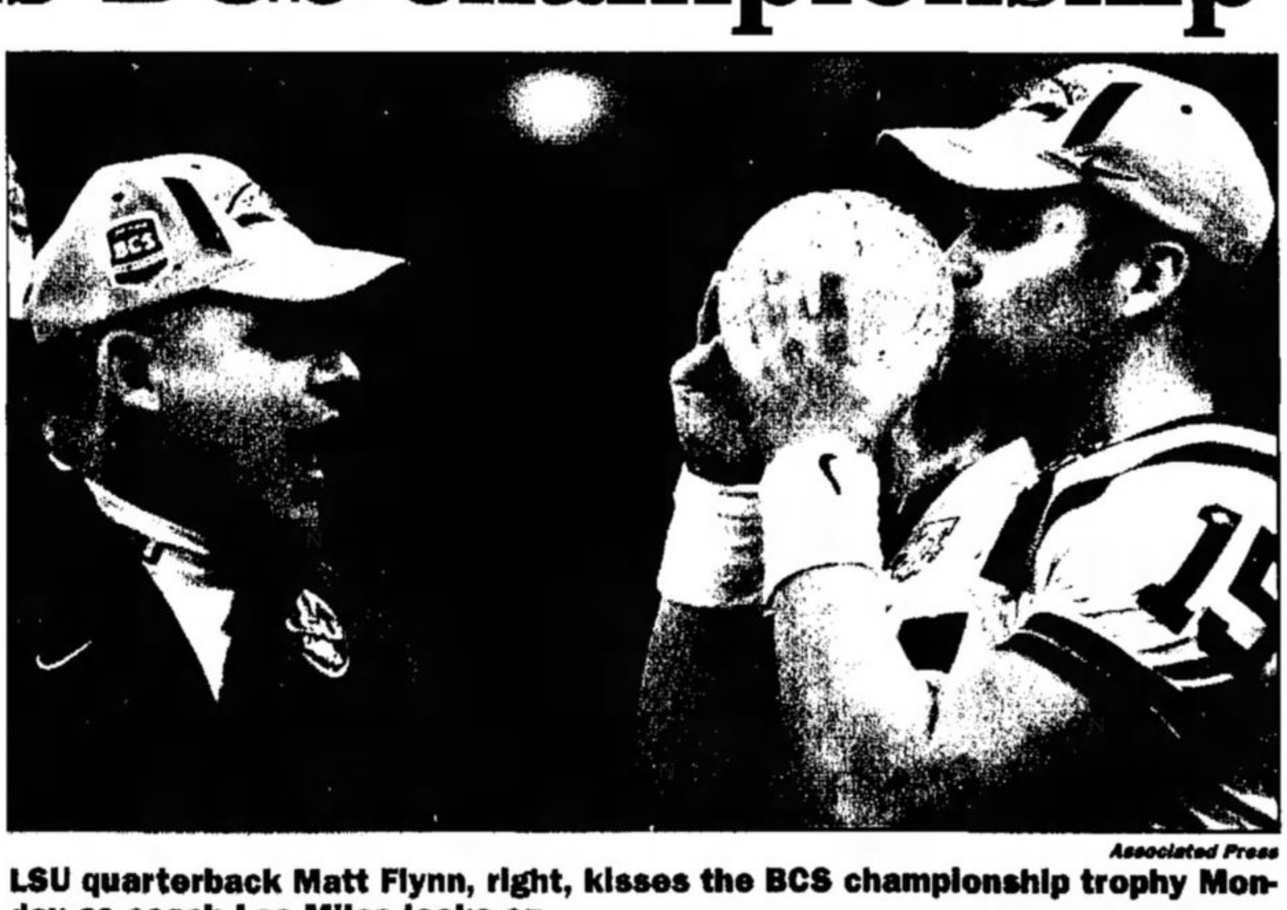
But this was unprecedented. Playing at their home-away-from-home in the Big Easy, the Tigers (12-2) became the first two-loss team to compete for the title.

Still, LSU was a runaway No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll. The Tigers received 60 of 65 first-place votes from a national media panel. Georgia, Southern California, Missouri and Ohio State rounded out the top five. Georgia had three first-place votes while Southern Cal and No. 7 Kansas each had one.

The top six teams in the final AP poll all had two losses and Kansas had one.

"I have give great credit to some divine intervention that allows us to be in this position," Miles said.

LSU rallied from an early 10-0 deficit, taking a 24-10 lead at halftime that held up. Two key plays on special teams helped shift the game — Ricky Jean-Francois blocked a field goal, and LSU took advantage of a roughing-the-kicker penalty.



Associated Press

LSU quarterback Matt Flynn, right, kisses the BCS championship trophy Monday as coach Les Miles looks on.

Shouts of "SEC! SEC!" reverberated around the dome as the Tigers won their second BCS crown in five seasons. They are the first school to win a second title since BCS rankings began with the 1998 season.

"My team is the No. 1 team in the land," said All-American defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey, who passed up the NFL draft to return for his senior season.

When it was over, Miles unleashed an ear-piercing whoop, then leaned back and exhaled as if he had been holding his breath all night.

"I just had to do that," he said.

Ohio State (11-2) had little to celebrate after Chris "Beanie" Wells broke loose for a 65-yard TD run on the fourth play of the game.

"It's unbelievable to know you've failed two years in a row," Wells said.

Jacob Hester bulled for a short touchdown, Early Doucet wiggled loose for a touchdown and Dorsey led a unit that outplayed the top-ranked defense in the nation.

"We just didn't do the things you need to do to win a ballgame of this nature. We're very

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SPORTS

Robert Morris shocks B.C.

A.J. Jackson

BOSTON (AP) — Robert Morris coach Mike Rice acted like someone who was ready to sprint out of the building.

Rice, who ran up and down the court — and many times onto it — during his team's 57-51 upset win over Boston College Monday night, knew how important the victory was for his school's basketball program.

"It's enormous," Rice said. "It's Boston College. These guys are a perennial Top 25 team."

Monessen's A.J. Jackson scored 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds, Tony Lee had 12 and eight boards as the Colonials (11-5) got their fourth straight win.

Robert Morris, a Northeast Conference member known as a mid-major school in collegiate basketball, beat a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference, one of the power leagues. It was the school's first-ever win over an ACC team.

"We're going to have to find a way to put this game behind us before we play (Fairleigh Dickinson) in our next game, but not for 24 hours," Rice said with a smile.

Jeremy Chappell chipped in with 12 points for the Colonials (11-5), who held BC to 41 percent shooting in the first-ever meeting between the schools.

When the game ended, Robert Morris guard Tony Lee fired the ball into the stands about 20 rows behind his team's bench.

"This means a lot to the team, the conference and Robert Morris," Lee said. "This was a huge win."

Rakim Sanders led the Eagles (10-4) with 12 points. Tyrese Rice, BC's leading scorer with 19.8 points per game, was held to 10 on 4-for-11 shooting.

"We ran some stuff in the first half and generally we were walking through it," said a frustrated BC coach Al Skinner. "We have to stay aggressive. With a young team it does happen: You don't to continue to attack when you should."

BC, which trailed by nine points early in the second half, tied it at 47-all on Sanders' drive with 5:18 to play, but the Colonials took the lead for good on Freddie Harris' tip-in off a miss. After the basket, BC's Tyrelle Blair was whistled for a technical for attempting to kick a Robert Morris player.

Jimmy Langhurst hit one free throw and, after a BC miss, Lee hit a short jumper to make it 52-47 with 3:14 to play.

The Eagles closed it to a one-possession game on Sanders' basket with 2:46 to go, but never got closer.

Lady Leps fall short

For one half, Belle Vernon Area High's girls played visiting Elizabeth Forward tough in Class AAA Section 5 Monday.

It was a different story in the second half.

Elizabeth Forward (11-3, 3-1) outscored the Lady Leps, 39-9, in the final 16 minutes en route to a 62-26 victory.

The trio of Cassy Sanderson (17), Paige Perce (13) and Sarah Sandin (11) combined for 41 points to outscore the Lady Leps.

Marissa Manko topped BVA (3-10, 0-4), which trailed 10-9 after one period and 23-17 at halftime, with seven points.

The Leps resume Thursday at Yough (6-9, 0-4), a 63-27 loser to Steel Valley.

In Class AA Section 5, Charleroi and Bentworth suffered contrasting losses.

Charleroi went down at unbeaten Washington, 59-37, with Bentworth suffering a last-minute 36-35 defeat at Beth-Center.

Washington (13-0, 6-0) kept rolling as Jocelyn Ford (17) and Marguerite Sargent (16) combined for 33 points.

Aly Lee had 13 points for the Lady Cougars (6-8,3-3), who were outscored 35-19 in the second half.

Charleroi goes to Beth-Center Thursday.

A three-pointer by sophomore Megan Sowers with 50 seconds remaining sent Bentworth down to its defeat.

Cassie Robker looked best for the Lady Bearcats (7-7, 2-4) with 11 points.

Frazier (0-13, 0-5) remained winless with a 52-12 loss to Avella in Class A Section 3.

Cowher questions Steelers' plays

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Former coach Bill Cowher is among those questioning the Steelers' play-calling during their 31-29 wild card playoff loss to Jacksonville, a game that featured a frantic Pittsburgh comeback but also some debatable play calls during a wild fourth quarter.

The Steelers, down 28-10, rallied behind quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to score three touchdowns in slightly more than eight minutes for a 29-28 lead. Coach Mike Tomlin, apparently relying on a chart that advises when to go for two points or kick the extra point, called for two-point conversion tries that failed after the final two touchdowns.

If the Steelers had kicked both extra points, Josh Scobee's 25-yard field goal with 37 seconds remaining would have only tied the game, not won it for Jacksonville.

"Playing the charts, that is not out of bounds. That is just baseball," Tomlin said, defending his decision to rely on the chart by making an analogy with an another sport. "Everybody has that chart."

The call Cowher appeared to dislike — apparently made by offensive coordinator Bruce Arians — was running Roethlisberger on a sweep behind third-team left tackle Trai Essex on a third-and-6 play from the Steelers' 26 with 2:56 remaining and Pittsburgh trying to run out the clock.

Roethlisberger, who threw for 337 yards and two touchdowns, was tackled by safety Sammy Knight after a 1-yard gain and the Steelers were forced to punt.

"When you look at this game, they (the Steelers) came back from 18 points down, get to a one-point lead ... third down and six — a first down and you win the game — and they run a quarterback sweep with Ben," Cowher said, with an incredulous tone, during CBS' The NFL Today show Sunday.

Cowher's CBS colleague, former quarterback Boomer Esiason, was the color analyst on Westwood One's radio broadcast and was highly critical of the call.

"Pittsburgh has to be sick at its stomach," Esiason said Sunday on CBS.

Cowher has refrained from criticizing his replacement, for obvious reasons.

All NFL coaches make debatable play calls, and Cowher made plenty of such calls during his tenure as the Steelers' coach from 1992-2006.

The Steelers successfully ran the Roethlisberger sweep during practice last week.

"That was something we worked on all week and felt good about," Tomlin said. "We actually had the look and we didn't execute it. Good job by them."

Gibbs resigns

Gibbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joe Gibbs resigned as coach and team president of the Washington Redskins today.

The Redskins said in a statement that Gibbs will remain part of the Redskins family and serve as a special adviser to owner Dan Snyder. Gibbs was to discuss his decision at a 3 p.m. news conference at Redskins Park.

The Redskins will begin a search for a new coach immediately. Among the certain candidates are two former head coaches on Gibbs' staff, Gregg Williams and Al Saunders.

Gibbs went 31-36, including 1-2 in the playoffs, after emerging from NFL retirement and his NASCAR career to sign a five-year, $27.5 million contract in 2004. He had always maintained that he intended to fulfill the contract, but the 67-year-old coach wavered from that stance Monday when asked if he would return for the final year of his deal.

Gibbs' resignation brings an apparent end to a Hall of Fame career in which he twice raised the Redskins from mediocrity into a playoff team, although he failed in his goal of bringing the team back to the Super Bowl during his second stint in Washington.

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SPORTS DIGEST

Pirates sign Dessens, Bernero

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Right-hander Elmer Dessens signed a minor-league contract Monday with the Pittsburgh Pirates, nearly 15 years after first signing with the team.

Dessens, who turns 36 next week, was 2-8 with a 6.12 ERA in 61 games with Pittsburgh from 1996-98. He was with three clubs last season, going 2-2 with a 7.15 ERA in 17 games with the Dodgers, Brewers and Rockies.

Pittsburgh also signed right-hander Adam Bernero to a minor-league contract. Bernero underwent reconstructive elbow surgery last Feb. 28 and missed the season after previously signing with Boston.

The 31-year-old Bernero is 11-27 with a 5.91 ERA in 150 career games with the Tigers, Rockies, Braves, Phillies and Royals. He was a combined 1-14 with the Tigers and Rockies in 2003.

Lambert Trophy to California

California University will receive the Lambert Trophy as the No. 1 football team in the ECAC Lambert Meadowlands Division II poll.

The Vulcans went 13-1 and won the Northeast Regional championship before losing to eventual Valdosta State in the national semifinals.

The trophy presentation will be made Feb. 19 at the annual Eastern College Football Awards banquet at the Pegasus Restaurant at the Meadowlands Sports Complex.

California was followed in the final ECAC Lambert poll by Indiana, West Chester, Southern Connecticut State, Bloomsburg, Slippery Rock, Bryant, Edinboro, Bentley and American International.

Monessen Jrs. top Greensburg Central

Monessen Junior High's basketball team upped its record to 8-1 with a 60-39 romp over Greensburg Central Catholic.

Cam Johnson (22), Jalen Madison (10) and Josh Stepoli (10) combined for 42 points for the Little Greyhounds.

BV Area cagers beat Brownsville

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team upped its record to 9-2 with a 40-28 victory over Brownsville behind Ian Dobbins' 14 points.

California cagers stay unbeaten

California Middle School's basketball team stayed unbeaten with a 48-18 romp over Waynesburg.

Brian Fisher (16) and Tanner Huffman (10) combined for 26 points for the Little Trojans (10-0).

Clemens calm toward accuser

HOUSTON (AP) — During the 17 minutes Roger Clemens spoke with friend-turned-accuser Brian McNamee, he kept his emotions in check. He did an even better job during the 17 minutes he listened again to the phone call in a room filled with reporters.

Then it was Clemens' turn to talk. And out came the emotion.

In his first news conference since McNamee accused him of using steroids and human growth hormone in the Mitchell Report, Clemens' eyes watered during his opening statement and again during what proved to be his closing remarks. The whole thing lasted about 2 1/2 minutes less than his chat with McNamee, ending with Clemens abruptly leaving.

Clemens sat expressionless as he listened to the conversation taped last Friday, when his former personal trainer repeatedly asked, "What do you want me to do?"

Trivia answer

Jim Sweeney.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Monessen High graduates Myra Bachuchin and Bonnie Tressler made successful collegiate debuts by finishing one-two in the all-around to lead Pitt's women gymnasts to a season opening win over Temple.

20 Years Ago

Dawn Ghilani's 14 points were high in Mon Valley Catholic's 63-42 victory over Mapletown.

Nadine Turner poured in 27 points in Monessen's 42-41 upset win over Carmichaels.

Tracey Foglia scored 24 points in Ringgold's 70-46 romp over Tri-Valley.

Carmella Sumpter had 13 points in Belle Vernon Area's 51-43 loss to McKeesport.

Julie Claybaugh led a balanced attack with 12 points in Charleroi's 46-40 win over McGuffey.

10 Years Ago

Pittsburgh Pirates owner Kevin McClatchy said he may try to boost revenues by offering the public the chance to buy shares in the team.

SPORTS

Football Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. LSU (60)	12-2	1,620	2
2. Georgia (3)	11-2	1,515	4
3. Southern Cal (1)	11-2	1,500	6
4. Missouri	12-2	1,347	7
5. Ohio St.	11-2	1,346	1
6. West Virginia	11-2	1,342	11
7. Kansas (1)	12-1	1,303	8
8. Oklahoma	11-3	1,139	3
9. Virginia Tech	11-3	1,096	5
10. Boston College	11-3	962	14
10. Texas	10-3	962	17
12. Tennessee	10-4	904	16
13. Florida	9-4	685	9
14. BYU	11-2	654	19
15. Auburn	9-4	648	22
16. Arizona St.	10-3	587	12
17. Cincinnati	10-3	566	20
18. Michigan	9-4	508	—
19. Hawaii	12-1	460	10
20. Illinois	9-4	443	13
21. Clemson	9-4	353	15
22. Texas Tech	9-4	308	—
23. Oregon	9-4	253	—
24. Wisconsin	9-4	202	18
25. Oregon St.	9-4	110	—

Others receiving votes: Virginia 66, Penn St. 61, Kentucky 57, Wake Forest 53, Boise St. 25, Arkansas 13, Utah 9, Mississippi St. 7, Appalachian St. 5, South Florida 5, Tulsa 4, Connecticut 3, Air Force 2, Rutgers 2.

Bowl glance

Monday's Game
BCS National Championship
At New Orleans
LSU 38, Ohio State 24
Saturday, Jan. 12
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
Aina (East) vs. Kai (West), 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
East-West Shrine Classic
At Houston
East vs. West, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Saturday, Jan. 26
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 4 p.m. (NFLN)

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Francis Beltran, RHP Jeremy Johnson, RHP Anastacio Martinez, RHP Marcelo Perez, LHP Jon Connolly, LHP Ian Ostlund, C Dane Sardinha, C Max St. Pierre, INF Caonabo Cosme, INF Henry Mateo and OF Jackson Melian on minor league contracts.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Named Pete Mackanin major league scout.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with C Mike DiFelice on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Shawn Camp on a minor league contract.

National League

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with OF Drew Anderson, 1B-OF Brad Nelson, RHP Tim Dillard, LHP Manny Parra and RHP Luis Pena on one-year contracts.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Duaner Sanchez on a one-year contract, and RHP Juan Padilla, RHP Joselo Diaz, RHP Andy Cavazos, LHP Ryan Cullen, INF Anderson Machado, INF Fernando Tatis, C Robinson Cancel and C Salomon Manriquez on minor league contracts.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RF Jayson Werth on a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Adam Bernero and RHP Elmer Dessens on minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS—Recalled F Demetris Nichols from Iowa (NBADL). Assigned G JamesOn Curry to Iowa.

DENVER NUGGETS—Waived G-F Bobby Jones.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Waived G Richie Frahm.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed Rob Chudzinski, offensive coordinator, to a two-year contract extension through 2011.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed LB Marcello Church, G Marquay Love, WR Kerry Reed and WR Chandler Williams.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Fired Greg Olson, offensive coordinator, and Paul Boudreau, offensive line coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled G Steve Mason from London (OHL).

DALLAS STARS—Signed C Mike Ribeiro to a five-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled F Nigel Dawes and F Greg Moore from Hartford (AHL). Assigned F Ryan Callahan to Hartford.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled D Ryan Lannon and C Ryan Stone from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

COLLEGE

HANOVER—Named Joe Austin football coach.

HAWAII—Announced the resignation of June Jones, football coach, to take the same position at SMU.

NFL playoffs

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Seattle at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at New England, 8 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 13
San Diego at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)

Bowling

Charleroi Lanes
New Eagle League
Standings

Maroadi Transfer & Storage, 18-5; Monongahela Fire Department and Yocolano Distributing, 15-7; Ponce's Place, 13-9; A.T. Koury Roofing and Charleroi Lanes, 12-9; Hey Andy and Hoot Owls, 8-14; Eck's Restaurnt & Lounge, 6-15; Bill Hermann's Landscaping, 6-16.

High scores

David Speers, 258-612; Jim gavaghan, 226-585; Sam Rice Jr., 204-543; Kevin Dewar, 200-566; Jerry Trombley, 200-516; Rick Bright, 197-550; Ryan Gaydos, 191-512; Dave Marraccini, 191-471; Bob Burket, 190-522; Al Doty, 190-491.

Walter Hodge and the Florida Gators will face Alabama at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Indiana at Michigan, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Wichita State at Missouri State, college basketball.

7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at Florida, hockey.

7:30 p.m. - Versus - Colorado at Detroit, hockey.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Florida at Alabama, college basketball.

Radio

7:30 p.m.- WXDX (105.9 FM) - Pittsburgh at Florida, hockey.

College basketball

MEN
EAST

Marist 76, Manhattan 66
Robert Morris 57, Boston College 51
Sacred Heart 75, Long Island U. 68
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 94, Grambling St. 61
Austin Peay 73, E. Illinois 57
Jackson St. 81, Alabama St. 71
Norfolk St. 87, N.C. Central 83
Radford 124, Emory & Henry 109
Samford 57, Jacksonville St. 53
Tenn.-Martin 75, Tennessee St. 74
Tenn. Tech 73, Morehead St. 55
UNC-Greens. 84, The Citadel 54
Virginia Tech 79, Charleston So. 49
MIDWEST
Butler 66, Loyola of Chicago 55
Kansas St. 85, Savannah St. 25
Murray St. 79, SE Missouri 51
SOUTHWEST
Alcorn St. 77, Prairie View 62
N. Texas 78, Louisiana-Monroe 57
Oklahoma 81, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 57
Oklahoma St. 62, Rogers St. 53
Texas Southern 65, Southern U. 54
FAR WEST
San Jose St. 62, Santa Clara 59
Tulsa 81, Colorado 68

WOMEN
EAST

Cent. Connecticut St. 62, Wagner 54, OT
Cornell 61, Binghamton 59
Duquesne 76, N.C. Central 33
La Salle 56, Penn 37
Quinnipiac 72, St. Francis, Pa. 61
Robert Morris 82, Monmouth, N.J. 65
Sacred Heart 66, Long Island U. 64
St. Francis, NY 66, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 58
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 69, Grambling St. 61
Chattanooga 67, Davidson 47
Coastal Carolina 99, Morris 31
Coll. of Charleston 62, UNC-Greensboro 37
E. Illinois 75, Austin Peay 52
Gardner-Webb 75, Belmont 62
Georgia Southern 64, Elon 46
Jackson St. 72, Alabama St. 70, 2OT
Jacksonville 77, Stetson 60
Kentucky 67, Wofford 57
Lipscomb 58, Campbell 50
Mississippi St. 104, MVSU 45
Morehead St. 51, Tenn. Tech 49
Samford 67, Jacksonville St. 56
Tennessee St. 58, Tenn.-Martin 52
W. Carolina 87, Appalachian St. 63
MIDWEST
IUPUI 56, UMKC 51
Minnesota 81, Wisconsin 73
Murray St. 71, SE Missouri 68

Men's basketball Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. N. Carolina (46)	15-0	1,768	1
2. Memphis(25)	13-0	1,742	2
3. Kansas (1)	14-0	1,674	3
4. Washington St.	13-0	1,532	4
5. UCLA	14-1	1,522	5
6. Michigan St.	13-1	1,422	6
7. Georgetown	11-1	1,332	7
8. Tennessee	12-1	1,282	8
9. Duke	11-1	1,257	9
10. Indiana	12-1	1,125	11
11. Texas A&M	14-1	1,102	12
12. Texas	13-2	944	14
13. Vanderbilt	15-0	925	15
14. Butler	13-1	822	16
15. Marquette	11-2	751	10
16. Mississippi	13-0	650	18
17. Dayton	12-1	554	20
18. Clemson	12-2	518	19
19. Villanova	11-2	465	17
20. Pittsburgh	12-2	461	13
21. Wisconsin	12-2	407	25
22. Rhode Island	14-1	393	23
23. Stanford	12-2	185	24
24. Xavier	12-3	128	—
25. Miami	13-1	85	—

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 78, Notre Dame 74, Arizona St. 53, West Virginia 42, Arizona 26, BYU 22, Drake 22, Saint Mary's, Calif. 12, Massachusetts 5, California 4, Louisville 3, Southern Cal 3, Connecticut 2, Ohio St. 2, Sam Houston St. 2, Florida 1, Illinois St. 1, New Mexico 1, Niagara 1.

Women's basketball Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 5:

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut(50)	13-0	1,250	1
2. Tennessee	12-1	1,192	3
3. North Carolina	14-1	1,131	4
4. Maryland	18-1	1,101	5
5. Rutgers	11-2	1,061	6
6. Oklahoma	9-2	983	8
7. Stanford	12-3	893	2
8. Baylor	12-1	888	9
9. California	13-2	822	10
10. Georgia	13-1	788	7
11. LSU	11-3	765	11
12. Duke	12-3	718	12
13. TexasA&M	12-2	677	13
14. Notre Dame	12-2	530	14
15. Texas	12-2	505	16
16. West Virginia	11-2	480	17
17. G. Washington	12-3	393	20
18. Old Dominion	10-3	364	19
19. Ohio St.	11-3	290	21
20. Arkansas	15-0	220	25
21. Wyoming	12-1	206	22
22. Auburn	12-3	192	18
23. Colorado	11-2	184	23
24. DePaul	11-3	163	15
25. Oklahoma St.	12-1	151	24

Others receiving votes: Pittsburgh 106, Syracuse 52, Arizona St. 34, Georgia Tech 24, Illinois St. 16, Virginia 13, Louisville 10, Vanderbilt 9, Kansas 5, Michigan St. 5, Xavier 5, Florida St. 4, Southern Cal 4, Utah 4, Penn St. 3, Texas Tech 3, UCLA 3, Liberty 2, Dayton 1.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	23	15	3	49	101	97
Pittsburgh	23	16	2	48	120	114
N.Y. Rangers	20	17	5	45	102	104
Philadelphia	20	15	4	44	118	110
N.Y. Islanders	20	17	4	44	98	114

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	27	10	4	58	148	116
Montreal	20	13	8	48	126	117
Boston	21	16	4	46	108	108
Buffalo	19	18	3	41	120	117
Toronto	16	18	8	40	120	136

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	21	19	4	46	134	141
Atlanta	21	21	1	43	124	142
Florida	19	20	3	41	104	115
Washington	17	20	5	39	117	131
Tampa Bay	15	22	5	35	121	144

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	32	8	3	67	151	90
St. Louis	20	14	5	45	97	99
Columbus	19	17	6	44	105	102
Nashville	20	19	2	42	114	122
Chicago	19	19	3	41	118	122

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	22	14	7	51	129	126
Vancouver	23	14	4	50	108	93
Minnesota	23	17	2	48	111	117
Colorado	22	16	3	47	119	118
Edmonton	19	21	4	42	115	131

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	24	16	4	52	129	114
San Jose	23	12	6	52	105	94
Anaheim	22	17	6	50	112	119
Phoenix	21	18	1	43	106	107
Los Angeles	15	26	2	32	123	143

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Monday's Games
Dallas 3, Minnesota 1
Edmonton 4, N.Y. Islanders 0
Anaheim 5, Nashville 2
Today's Games
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	3	.906	—
New Jersey	17	16	.515	12 1/2
Toronto	17	17	.500	13
Philadelphia	14	20	.412	16
New York	8	24	.250	21

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	13	.629	—
Washington	17	15	.531	3 1/2
Atlanta	15	16	.484	5
Charlotte	11	21	.344	9 1/2
Miami	8	26	.235	13 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	26	8	.765	—
Cleveland	17	17	.500	9
Indiana	16	19	.457	10 1/2
Chicago	13	19	.406	12
Milwaukee	13	20	.394	12 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	23	10	.697	—
Dallas	23	11	.676	1/2
New Orleans	23	11	.676	1/2
Houston	17	17	.500	6 1/2
Memphis	10	23	.303	13

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	21	13	.618	—
Portland	21	13	.618	—
Utah	18	17	.514	3 1/2
Seattle	9	24	.273	11 1/2
Minnesota	4	29	.121	16 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	24	10	.706	—
L.A. Lakers	21	11	.656	2
Golden State	20	15	.571	4 1/2
Sacramento	12	20	.375	11
L.A. Clippers	10	21	.323	12 1/2

Monday's Games
Phoenix 137, Denver 115
Golden State 130, San Antonio 121, OT
Today's Games
Houston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	3	0	13	1
Keystone Oaks	3	0	8	7
Ringgold	2	1	5	11
South Park	1	2	4	9
McGuffey	0	3	3	9
Trinity	0	3	1	10

Monday
Avella 53, McGuffey 49
Today
Keystone Oaks at Ringgold
McGuffey at Chartiers Valley
South Park at Trinity

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Steel Valley	2	1	10	2
Belle Vernon Area	2	1	9	4
West Mifflin	2	1	6	6
Yough	2	1	6	7
Thomas Jefferson	1	2	2	8
Elizabeth Forward	0	3	2	11

Today
Elizabeth Forward at Belle Vernon Area
Yough at Steel Valley
West Mifflin at Thomas Jefferson

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	6	0	11	4
Washington	5	1	11	4
Burgettstown	4	2	10	3
Brownsville	4	2	8	6
C-Houston	3	3	9	6
Charleroi	2	4	6	8
Beth-Center	0	6	3	10
Waynesburg	0	6	2	10

Monday
Albert Gallatin 71, Brownsville 64
C-Houston 78, Mapletown 46
Today
Monessen at Brownsville
Charlertoi at Washington
Beth-Center at Waynesburg
C-Houston at Burgettstown

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	3	0	8	4
Geibel	2	0	3	7
Carmichaels	2	1	7	3
Jeff-Morgan	1	2	4	10
Mapletown	0	2	6	5
West Greene	0	3	1	9

Today
California at Jeff-Morgan
Carmichaels at Geibel
Mapletown at West Greene

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	4	0	10	1
Bentworth	4	1	9	3
Clairton	3	2	5	6
Sacred Heart	3	2	4	10
Cornell	2	3	7	6
Avella	1	5	4	9
Frazier	0	4	1	10

Today
Bentworth at Frazier
Clairton at Serra
Cornell at Sacred Heart

High school girls' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	4	0	11	2
West Allegheny	3	1	8	7
Chartiers Valley	2	1	7	6
McGuffey	1	2	6	6
Keystone Oaks	1	3	4	8
Waynesburg	0	4	3	10

Monday
Ringgold 65, Keystone Oaks 42
West Allegheny 55, Waynesburg 21
Today
McGuffey at Chartiers valley (6 p.m.)

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	4	0	12	3
Elizabeth Forward	3	1	11	3
Thomas Jefferson	3	1	6	9
Steel Valley	2	2	8	4
Yough	0	4	6	9
Belle Vernon Area	0	4	3	10

Monday
Elizabeth Forward 62, BV Area 26
Steel Valley 63, Yough 27
West Mifflin 67, Thomas Jefferson 34
Today
Steel Valley at McKeesport

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	6	0	13	0
Brownsville	4	2	11	3
Beth-Center	4	2	9	4
Charleroi	3	3	6	8
Bentworth	2	4	7	7
C-Houston	1	4	5	9
Burgettstown	0	5	2	13

Monday
Washington 59, Charleroi 37
Beth-Center 36, Bentworth 35
Today
Burgettstown at C-Houston (6 p.m.)
Fort Cherry at Bentworth
Wednesday
Brownsville at Clairton

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	4	0	8	5
Carmichaels	3	1	5	8
Mapletown	2	2	9	4
California	2	2	5	8
West Greene	1	3	1	12
Jeff-Morgan	0	4	1	12

Monday
California 44, Jeff-Morgan 39
Geibel 58, Carmichaels 43
Mapletown 42, West Greene 22
Wednesday
Carmichaels at Beth-Center

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	5	0	14	0
Clairton	3	1	5	4
Serra	2	1	6	3
Avella	1	2	5	6
Trinity Christian	1	4	4	9
Frazier	0	4	0	14

Monday
Avella 51, Frazier 12
Serra 62, Clairton 51
Wednesday
Frazier at Geibel

High school basketball lineups

GIRLS
Ringgold - 65

Affinito, 4-1-11; Selby, 8-0-16; Schartner, 5-8-23; Resanavich, 3-0-8; Leach, 2-1-5; Melzer, 0-0-0; Pantojas, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 23, F - 10 (13), T - 65.

Keystone Oaks - 42

Stump, 4-0-9; Alward, 1-0-2; Lippert, 3-0-7; Xenakis, 1-0-3; Costanza, 4-7-19; Adamski, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 13, F- 7 (9), T - 42.

Score by quarters:

Keystone Oaks	10	8	14	10	- 42
Ringgold	25	9	16	15	- 65

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Schartner 5, Affinito 2, Resanavich 2. Keystone Oaks - Costanza 4, Stump, Lippert, Xenakis.

Elizabeth Forward - 62

Sanderson, 8-0-17; Hirnyk, 2-2-6; Sandin, 4-3-11; Urbaniak, 1-0-2; Halaszynski, 5-0-10; Pearce, 6-1-13; Martincic, 0-2-2. Totals: FG - 26, f - 8 (17),T - 52.

Belle Vernon Area - 26

Connolly, 2-2-6; Timko, 0-3-3; Gorecki,1-0-2; Anderson, 1-0-2; Rainey, 0-2-2; Manko, 3-0-7. Totals: FG - 8, F - 9 (13), T - 26.

Score by quartersa:

Elizabeth	10	13	15	24	- 62
BV Area	9	8	4	5	- 26

Three-pointers: Elizabeth - Sanderason, BVA - Manko.

Washington - 59

Floyd, 6-5-17; Sargent, 8-0-16; Jackson, 3-1-8; Phillis, 3-0-8; Jolly, 3-0-6; Bombara, 1-0-2; Cochrn, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 25, F - 6 (17), T - 59.

Charleroi - 37

Neff, 4-0-8; Lee, 5-2-15; Shannon, 3-0-6; Mudrick, 1-0-2; Collins, 2-0-4; Samoda, 0-2-2. Totals: FG - 15, F - 4 (8), T - 37.

Score by quarters:

Charleroi	7	11	11	8	- 37
Washington	16	8.	18	17	- 59

Three-pointers: Charleroi - Lee 3. Washington - Phillips 2, Jackson.

California - 44

Zajicek, 5-0-11; Wagner, 3-3-9; Greenlief, 3-4-10; Doman, 2-0-4; Moluski, 4-2-10. Totals: FG - 19, F - 9 (17), T - 44.

Jeff-Morgan - 39

Yorkchick, 5-4-14; Phillips, 2-0-4; Cochran, 1-1-3; Shultz, 3-1-7; Cameron, 3-0-6; Culp, 1-1-3; Cage, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 16, F - 6 (19), T - 39.

Score by quarters:

California	12	9	10	13	- 44
Jeff-Morgan	8	11	12	8	- 39

Three-pointers: California - Zajicek. Jeff-Morgan - Yorkchick.

Beth-Center - 36

Sowers, 5-0-12; Devecka, 5-6-16; Carroll, 1-0-2; Whitlow, 1-0-2; Toth, 1-0-2; Crumrine, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 13, F - 8 (15), T - 36.

Bentworth - 35

Kennedy, 4-0-8; Speed, 3-0-6; Hamstra, 1-2-4; Robker, 3-2-11; Behanna, 1-0-2; Ritzer, 1-1-4. Totals: FG - 13, F - 5 (8), T - 35.

Score by quarters:

Bentworth	6	15	6	8	- 35
Beth-Center	8	10	7	11	- 36

Three-pointerts: Bentworth - Robker 3, Ritzer. Beth-Center - Sowers 2.

Avella - 52

Papa, 5-0-10; Fisher, 1-0-2; Yamber, 5-1-11; Quader, 5-1-13; Fiorentino, 1-2-4; Barr, 3-0-6; Dalesio, 1-0-2; Drazich, 1-0-2; Ferguson, 1-0-3; Temple, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 22, F - 5 (23), T - 52.

Frazier - 12

Ellis, 1-0-2; Fisher, 1-0-2; Keebler, 0-1-1; Howser, 0-3-3; Lint, 1-0-2; Mrshall, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 4, F - 4 (20), T - 12.

Score by quarters:

Avella	8	14	15	15	- 52
Frazier	0	5	2	5	- 12

Three-pointers: Avella - Quader 2, Ferguson.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Memphis is 8-2 vs. the spread its last 10 home games against Los Angeles and has been playing some solid basketball of late. The Lakers are coming off a home game Sunday night and just might still be feeling the effects of jet lag from their cross country plane ride. Take Memphis +5 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Divisional Playoffs		
Saturday, Jan 12		
GREEN BAY	8 (40)	Seattle
N. ENGLAND	13 (48)	Jacksonville
Sunday, Jan 13		
INDIANAPOLIS	8 1/2 (46)	San Diego
DALLAS	7 1/2 (47)	NY Giants

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
New Jersey	2	CHARLOTTE
CLEVELAND	9 1/2	Seattle
WASHINGTON	2	Houston
a-PHILA	No Line	Milwaukee
LA Lakers	5	MEMPHIS
Miami	2	MINNESOTA
CHICAGO	9	New York
UTAH	8 1/2	Indiana
Orlando	4	SACRAMENTO

a-Milwaukee guard M. Redd is questionable.

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Byu	1 1/2	WAKE FOREST
CONNECTICU	13	St. John's
Indiana	9	MICHIGAN
MISSOURI ST	7 1/2	Wichita State
S. ILLINOIS	12	Bradley
BAYLOR	17	Brown
ILLINOIS ST	9 1/2	Northern Iowa
ALABAMA	2 1/2	Florida
MARQUETTE	17	Seton Hall
Georgetown	6	DEPAUL
MICHIGAN ST	14 1/2	Purdue
SO. MISS	7	Central Florida
St. Mary's, CA	5 1/2	FRESNO STATE
SIENA	9 1/2	Fairfield
KANSAS	35	Loyola Maryland

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
NEW JERSEY	Even-1/2	Buffalo
BOSTON	Even-1/2	Carolina
NY RANGERS	1/2-1	Tampa Bay
ATLANTA	Even-1/2	Philadelphia
MONTREAL	1/2-1	Chicago
FLORIDA	Even-1/2	Pittsburgh
DETROIT	1/2-1	Colorado
ST. LOUIS	Even-1/2	Columbus
CALGARY	1/2-1	Phoenix
VANCOUVER	1-1 1/2	NY Islanders
LOS ANGELES	Even-1/2	Nashville

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

High school basketball scores

BOYS
Ringgold - 65

Albert Gallatin 71, Brownsville 64
Avella 53, McGuffey 49
Chartiers-Houston 78, Mapletown 46
McKeesport 59, Seneca Valley 48
GIRLS
Apollo-Ridge 64, West Shamokin 21
Avella 51, Frazier 12
Baldwin 55, Bethel Park 48
Beaver 67, South Side Beaver 52
Canevin 55, Carlynton 25
Blackhawk 61, Ellwood City 39
Brashear 44, Ellis School 39
California 44, Jefferson-Morgan 39
Connellsville, 54, Albert Gallatin 35
Derry Area 81, Laurel Highlands 51
Ford City 69, Freeport 37
Franklin Regional 58, Southmoreland 44
Gateway 42, Plum 40
Greensburg Central 72, Jeannette 61
Hampton 55, Burrell 26
Hempfield 42, Latrobe 39
Highland 89, Valley 47
Hopewell 50, Ambridge 39
Indiana 66, Kittanning 45
Mapletown 42, West Greene 22
Mars 42, Knoch 28
Moon 61, Montour 32
Mt. Lebanon 65, Upper St. Clair 23
Mt. Pleasant 54, Greensburg Salem 33
North Allegheny 40, North Hills 27
North Catholic 48, Avonworth 39
Northgate 49, South Allegheny 20
Norwin, 50, Penn-Trafford 28
Oakland Catholic 41, Fox Chapel 35
Sacred Heart 43, Sto-Rox 26
Peters Township 60, Canon-McMillan 52
Ringgold 65, Keystone Oaks 42
Riverside 44, Mohawk 29
Rochester 64, Union 25
Seneca 48, Iroquois 35
Serra Catholic 62, Clairton 51
Seton-LaSalle 62, Brentwood 58
Shaler 49, Pine-Richland 37
South Fayette 44, Fort Cherry 31
South Park 65, East Allegheny 17
Springdale 42, Riverview 41
Uniontown 53, Kiski Area 37
Vincentian Academy 66, Mt. Alvernia 63
Washington 59, Charleroi 37
West Mifflin 67, Thomas Jefferson 34
Woodland Hills 66, Penn Hills 37

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	21	1	0	42
Wooster	10	10	2	22
Jamestown	10	12	0	20
Valley Forge	7	13	1	15
Mon Valley	6	12	3	15

Thursday
Wooster at Jamestown
Saturday
Mon Valley at Valley Forge (8 p.m.)
Jamestown at Wooster
Sunday
Mon Valley at Indiana (4 p.m.)
Valley Forge at Wooster

LSU

(FROM PAGE ONE)

aware that LSU's a deserving champion," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said.

LSU, whose two losses both came in triple overtime, became just the fourth favorite to win in 10 BCS championship games. The Tig

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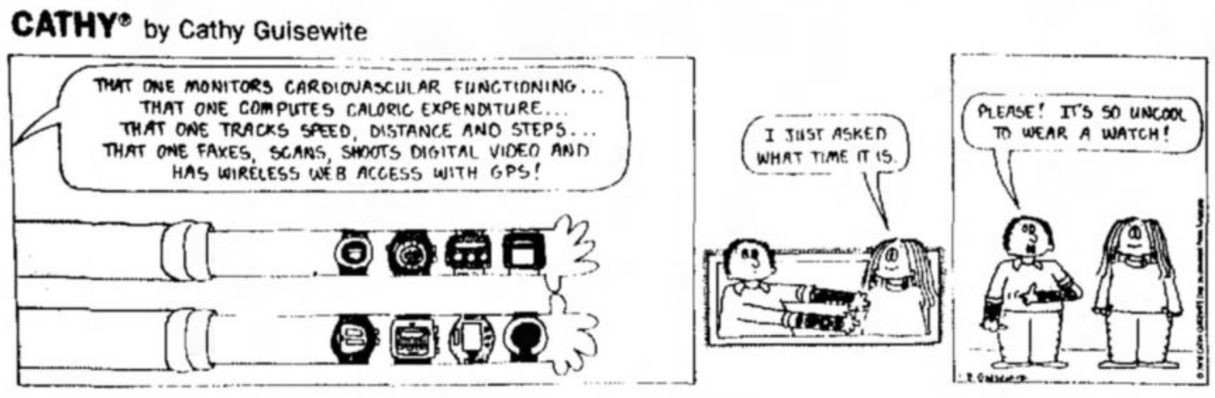
THAT ONE MONITORS CARDIOVASCULAR FUNCTIONING... THAT ONE COMPUTES CALORIC EXPENDITURE... THAT ONE TRACKS SPEED, DISTANCE AND STEPS... THAT ONE FAXES, SCANS, SHOOTS DIGITAL VIDEO AND HAS WIRELESS WEB ACCESS WITH GPS!
I JUST ASKED WHAT TIME IT IS.
PLEASE! IT'S SO UNCOOL TO WEAR A WATCH!

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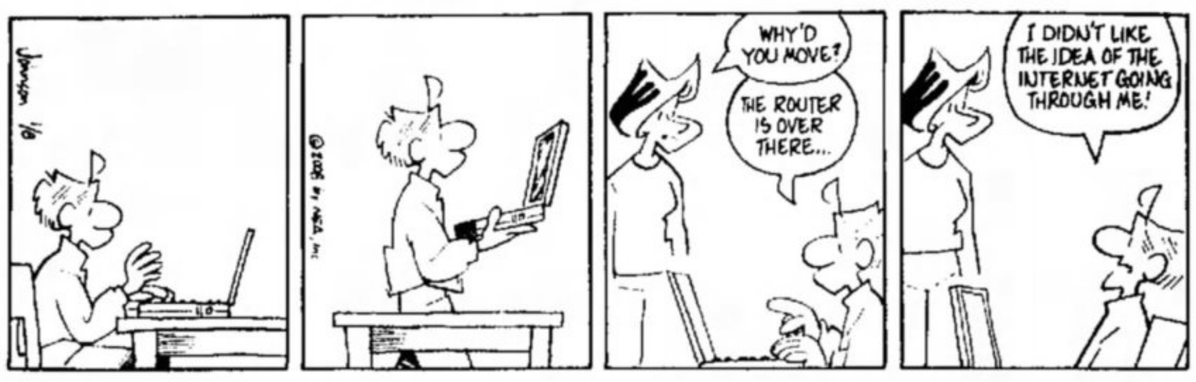

Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz

WELL, WHAT SHALL WE READ TONIGHT?
"GONE WITH THE BEAGLE," "THE MALTESE BEAGLE," OR "SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN BEAGLES"?
WE NEVER GET PAST THE THIRD BEAGLE..
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SCHULZ

MONTY® by Jim Meddick

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MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO TALK TO A DIFFERENT WOMAN EVERY DAY UNTIL I MEET A NEW GIRLFRIEND...
HA HA THAT'S A GOOD ONE
NO, I'M SERIOUS I TALK TO A NEW WOMAN EVERY DAY.
C'MON! IS THIS ONE OF THOSE NEW REALITY SHOWS?
THE CAMERA'S IN THE VAN, RIGHT?
NO CAMERAS! I'M DOING THIS FOR REAL AS A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!
THEN WHY ARE YOU WEARING A FUNNY NOSE AND GLASSES?

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

SARGE, I'VE GOT SOME IDEAS HOW TO IMPROVE THINGS AROUND HERE
OKAY, WRITE ME A NOTE
WWW.MORTWALKER.COM
OH, I WROTE THEM ALL OUT
THE WHOLE FIRST CHAPTER IS ALL ABOUT YOU...
GREG+ MORT WALKER
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BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TONIGHT?
TO A MEETING TO START PLANNING OUR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
THAT ISN'T FOR A WHOLE YEAR!
YOU CAN'T GIVE PEOPLE TOO MUCH TIME TO DIET AND GO TO THE GYM!
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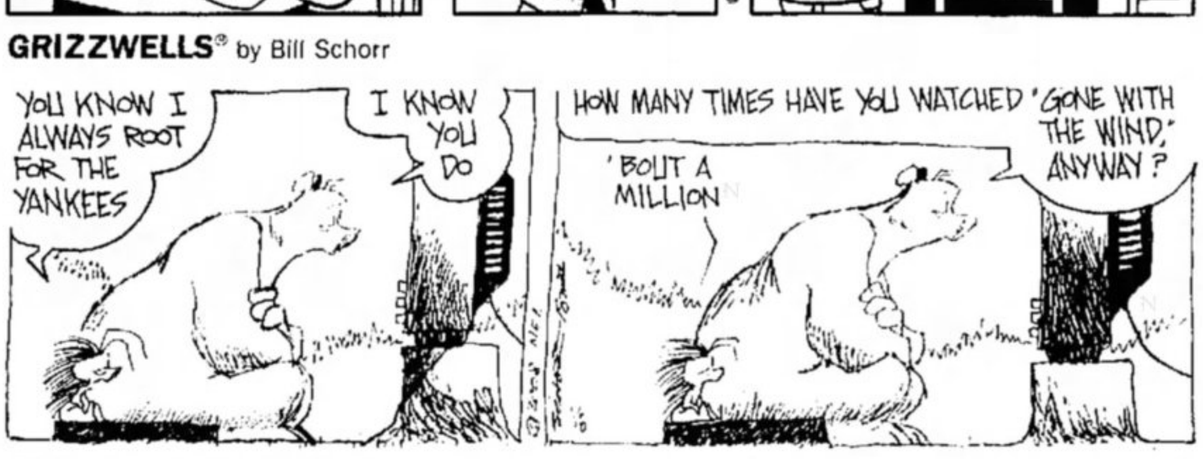
GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr


YOU KNOW I ALWAYS ROOT FOR THE YANKEES
I KNOW YOU DO
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU WATCHED 'GONE WITH THE WIND,' ANYWAY?
'BOUT A MILLION

COW AND BOY® by Mark Leiknes

BIG BOUNCY BALL!
NO, COW, THIS IS AN AB BALL.
WE'RE STARTING OUR WORKOUT REGIMEN BY BLASTING OUR ABDOMINALS. THAT BALL'S YOURS AND HERE'S MINE.
PUNGG!
BIG BOUNCY BALL!
YES, THAT TOO.

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"Her mother had a coat made and put 'squirrel' on the endangered species list!"

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I BELIEVE THAT JUMPING ON HER TO WAKE HER UP WOULD BE PERFECTLY FAIR, SINCE I'M PRETTY SURE SHE'S TAKING ONE OF MY NAPS.
Z.
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HEY, LOOK... THE RADER BOY GOT ENGAGED...
I WONDER IF HE PICKED A DATE YET FOR THE WEDDING?
YOU'D THINK HIS FIANCEE WOULD BE HIS DATE...
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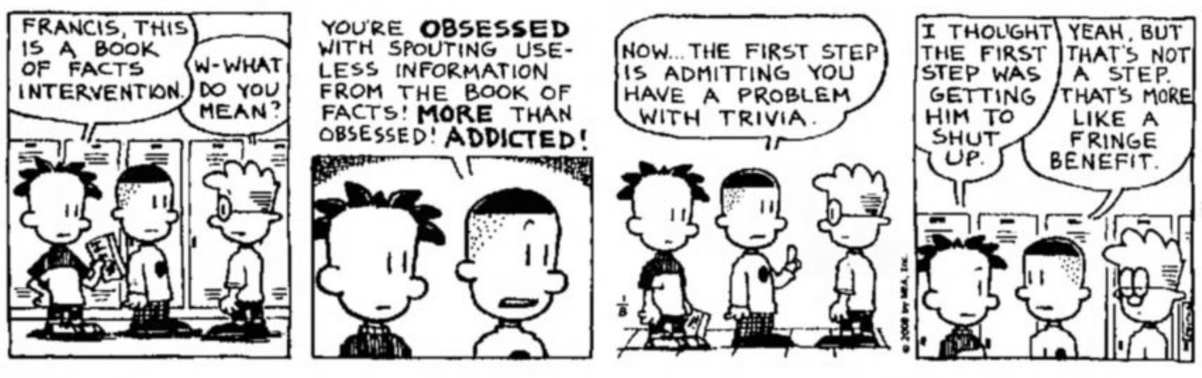
FRANCIS, THIS IS A BOOK OF FACTS INTERVENTION.
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU'RE OBSESSED WITH SPOUTING USELESS INFORMATION FROM THE BOOK OF FACTS! MORE THAN OBSESSED! ADDICTED!
NOW... THE FIRST STEP IS ADMITTING YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH TRIVIA.
I THOUGHT THE FIRST STEP WAS GETTING HIM TO SHUT UP.
YEAH, BUT THAT'S NOT A STEP. THAT'S MORE LIKE A FRINGE BENEFIT.

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

LET ME KNOW WHEN ALLEY GETS BACK, AND MAYBE WE CAN ALL DOUBLE DATE!
SOUNDS GREAT, LUNA!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
YOU'RE LOOKIN' MIGHTY FINE T'DAY, OOOLA!
YOU'RE BACK!! I...
OH...UH...ER... I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOMEONE ELSE!
TRY T' CONTROL YOUR EXCITEMENT, HON!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

NO ONE WILL SUSPECT THAT YOU WERE INVOLVED IN BULL'S DEATH...I TOLD TRAIL THAT THIS IS A PLACE FOR SPORTSMEN TO COME AND HUNT AND FISH...YOU AND BRICE CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE OUR BUSINESS!
WHEN TRAIL GETS BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, HE WILL TELL THE POLICE ABOUT MY CONFESSION...IN ABOUT 24 HOURS THE POLICE WILL BE OUT HERE!
I LOVE YOU, HONEY... I GUESS OUR LIFE TOGETHER JUST WASN'T MEANT TO BE!
JACK ELROD

The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 "— bad was it?"
4 Go undercover
7 Doll's cry
11 Tavern order
12 Bird abode
14 Grasping
15 Provided provender
16 Puny pup
17 Cleave
18 Like some salads
20 Girls, slangily
22 — kwon do
23 Sweetie-pie
24 Desolate
27 Sympathize
30 Be entitled to
31 Verdict givers
32 Fashion accessory
34 Fifi's date
35 Shows distress
36 Trig function
37 Jim-dandy
39 Package tour feature
40 Very pale
41 Ebenezer's oath
42 Beats it
45 Burned and looted
49 Gawk
50 Outback mineral
52 Scurry along
53 Medicinal plant
54 Basilica area
55 Planet, in verse
56 Shaggy beasts
57 Was in charge of
58 Home tel.

DOWN

1 Axe handle
2 Butter substitute
3 Is a groom
4 Talk a blue —
5 Goody-goody
6 Kyoto cash
7 Yacht basin
8 With, to Maurice
9 Luxury fur
10 Sticks on
13 Workers with acid
19 Laurel or Kenton
21 — cow!
24 Fergie's daughter
25 Desk furnishing
26 Buffalo's lake
27 Rich red
28 Tease
29 One, to Helmut
31 Houston space center
33 Toothpaste type
35 Fleece
36 Area of London
38 Comes around
39 Flagged down
41 Heroic
42 Dispatch, as a dragon
43 Rum mixer
44 Pawn taker
46 Explorer — Heyerdahl
47 The Emerald Isle
48 Rookie socialites
51 Comrade

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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F	O	G		T	H	I	R	D	R	A	T	E
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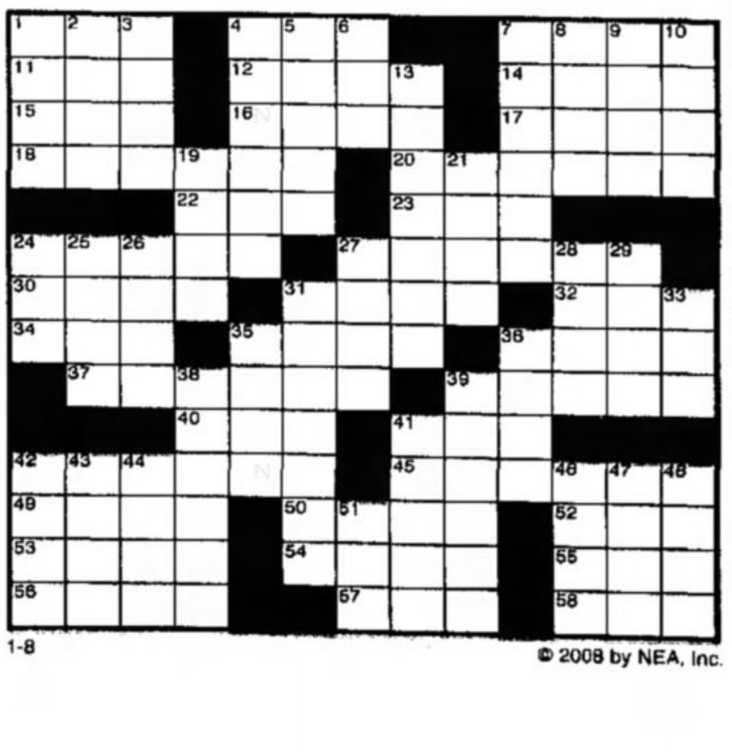

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Teacher in Space

Meet Astronaut Barbara Morgan

Barbara Morgan is proof that dreams can come true. Morgan, an elementary school teacher, returned safely from outer space in August 2007. She had been working toward that dream for more than 20 years.

She shares some of her thoughts about her experience and space exploration with Mini Page readers.

Her background

In 1985 NASA* chose Barbara Morgan for its Teacher In Space program. She was the backup for teacher and astronaut Christa McAuliffe. But in 1986, there was a tragic accident, and the shuttle Challenger blew up shortly after launch. It killed all the astronauts onboard, including Christa McAuliffe.

*NASA is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Barbara went back to teaching, while staying with NASA. She and another teacher shared a classroom. Barbara worked with NASA one week out of each month while her co-teacher taught.

In 1998 NASA selected her for full-time astronaut training. She was scheduled on a mission to the International Space Station in 2004. But in 2003, space shuttle Columbia exploded. All shuttle flights were canceled.

Barbara Morgan takes photos from the space shuttle Endeavour.

Barbara, 56, was born in Fresno, Calif. After earning her college degree in biology, she began teaching. She has taught reading and math, English and science, and second, third and fourth grades. She has taught in Montana, Idaho and Ecuador, in South America.

Barbara and her husband, Clay, have two sons.

A dream comes true

Barbara knew going into space could be dangerous, but she wasn't scared. In the shuttle, she said: "The thought that went through my head was, 'We're going! We're really going! In a couple days we're going to be docked with the International Space Station.' It was very gratifying.

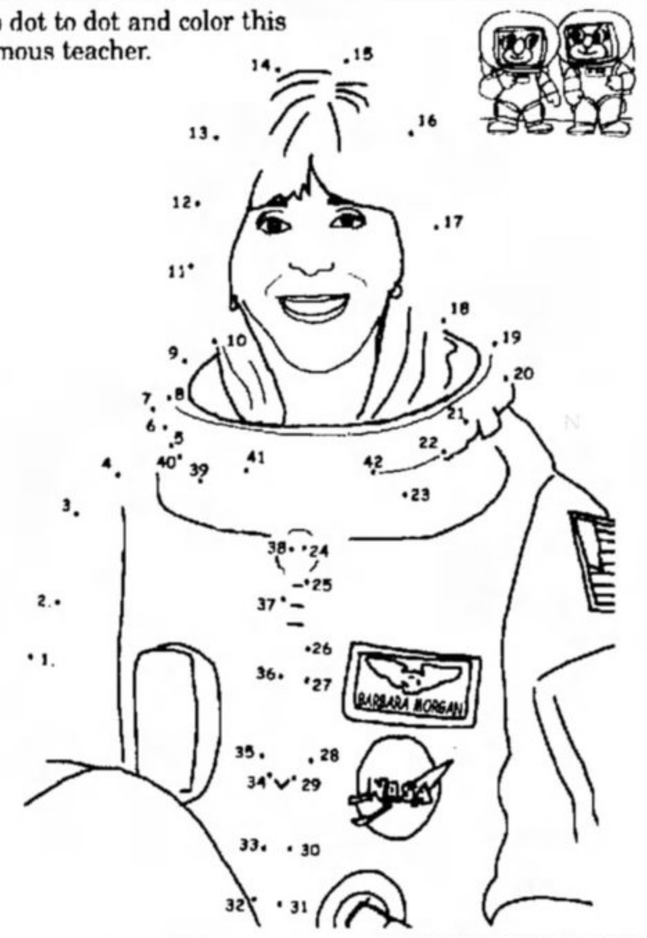
"You're paying attention to what's going on. This is what you've been trained for.

"You definitely feel the thrust and some of the vibration and the loudness. Although it's much louder, I think, for the people standing several miles away watching."

Barbara said that during the shuttle launch, the force of gravity made it seem as if someone were standing on her chest. It became hard to breathe.

The shuttle crew pose for their group portrait. Barbara Morgan is second from the left. The shuttle crew and the ISS crew spent nearly nine days working together to build onto and repair the station.

Go dot to dot and color this famous teacher.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Chicken, Cheese and Chip Casserole

You'll need:

- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken (3 medium chicken breasts)
- 1 (14-ounce) can cream of mushroom soup (reduced-fat)
- 1 (15-ounce) can small sweet peas
- 1/2 cup light mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery (2 stalks)
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese (reduced-fat)
- 1 cup crushed sour cream potato chips
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds

What to do:

1. Combine chicken, soup, peas, mayonnaise, onion, celery and lemon juice in a large bowl.
2. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Place mixture in dish.
3. Top the casserole with the cheese, the crushed chips and the almonds.
4. Cover with aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Allow to cool for a few minutes before serving. Serves 10 to 12.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Alex Etel

Alex Etel stars as Angus MacMorrow in the movie "The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep."

Alex, 13, went to school in Gatley, Cheshire, in England. He began acting in movies when he was 8 years old and starred in "Millions." He has also appeared in a mini-series on British television.

"I had never even thought of being an actor," Alex said. "Like nearly every child in England, I wanted to be a footballer, but new things happen and things change." (In England, the game of soccer is called "football.")

He also enjoys playing cricket, bicycling, swimming, skateboarding, surfing, scuba diving, snowboarding and water skiing. He plays the guitar, too.

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Tim Tebow

Height: 6-3 **Birthdate: 8-14-87**
Weight: 235 **Hometown: Jacksonville, Fla.**

If you're looking for a role-model athlete, check out Tim Tebow. The University of Florida sophomore is an all-American boy as well as an All-American quarterback.

On the field this season, Tebow ran for 22 touchdowns and passed for 29, the first time a college quarterback has ever cracked the 20-20 TD mark running and throwing. He also became the first sophomore — and youngest player ever — to win the Heisman Trophy, college football's most prestigious individual award.

When receiving the Heisman Trophy, Tebow responded as a humble hero. The youngest of five children, Tebow openly shares his faith. For three consecutive summers he went with his father on mission trips to the Philippines. At Florida, he also participates with the Goodwill Gators and volunteers with the Children's Miracle Network.

Tebow is majoring in family, youth and community sciences — and touchdowns, of course. He's got two more years of college eligibility left, another reason for the Gator Nation to celebrate.

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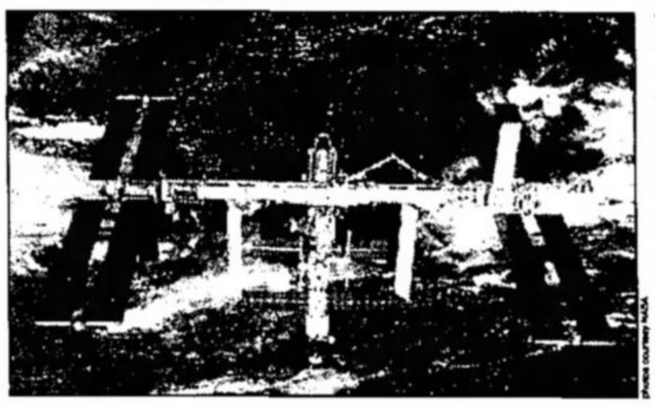
Exploring in Space

The drive to explore

Barbara said: "It's a privilege for everyone who gets to work in the space program, and for the folks who get to fly in the vehicles and do work in space.

"I don't think it will always be just a few people who get to do this. We're just at the beginning of human space exploration. We haven't been doing it for all that long."

When she was in space, she said, "I had the sense that this is the right thing for our species to be doing. It's very, very natural. Exploration is very much in human nature."



The International Space Station soars over the Earth as it moves away from space shuttle *Endeavour*. The first part of the space station was launched in 1998. The space station is a project of the U.S., Russia, Canada and other countries.

Barbara Morgan floats in the cargo bay of the Endeavour space shuttle. She is surrounded by supplies the shuttle crew was taking to the International Space Station.

Barbara said when the astronauts were "sailing over the top of the Earth, I would think of explorers in the early days of exploration, sailing across the ocean on Earth. And here we were sailing above the Earth."

"When we looked over the horizon, it seemed like all you had to do was keep on sailing and you would get to the moon."

Kids may explore space

Barbara said space "provides never-ending opportunities for students, for whatever they want to do."

"Space exploration is open-ended and never-ending. It's a place where there are opportunities for all kinds of learning. It's adventure and learning all wrapped up in one grand thing called exploration," she added.

"Not everybody needs or wants to go into space. There are so many ways to get involved in space exploration." Jobs include scuba diving, writing, film, engineering and mission planning.

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Teacher in Space

Living in space

It is easy to eat in space today, Barbara Morgan said. On today's missions, astronauts eat ordinary food. But they must add water to it first. The space shuttle and a Russian space vehicle deliver water to the space station.

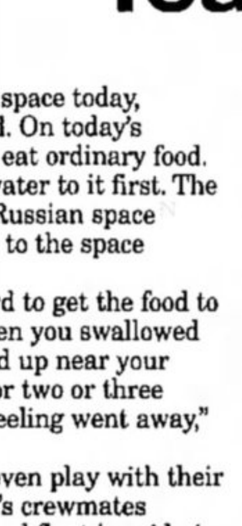
"At first it was hard to get the food to actually go down when you swallowed it. It felt like it stayed up near your throat. That lasted for two or three days, but then that feeling went away," Barbara said.

Some astronauts even play with their food. One of Barbara's crewmates enjoyed letting the food float in mid-air so he could capture it with his tongue.

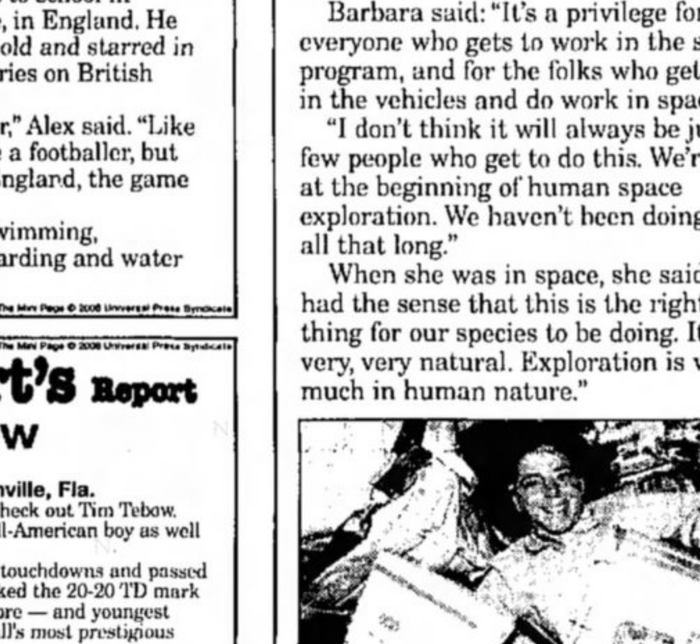
To sleep, astronauts can zip themselves into a kind of sleeping bag attached to the wall.

"But you can really sleep just floating in mid-air, too," Barbara said. "And I've found that once I shut my eyes, I go to sleep right away, and I wake up when the alarm wakes us up about eight hours later."

Astronauts on the space station work out on an exercise bicycle or a treadmill. Weights don't weigh anything in space, so they pull on cables instead.



Astronaut Sunita Williams runs on a treadmill in an earlier trip to the space station. Astronauts strap themselves onto the treadmill and bike with bungee straps.



The space station and shuttle have only a tiny bit of gravity, or microgravity. With so little gravity, objects float. Astronauts had to find new ways to do ordinary tasks.

Astronaut Barbara Morgan floats in microgravity while working on the computer on the space shuttle.

She said when working in space, you have to learn how to control your body. Any little motion you make creates a reaction and can send you flying away.

Being weightless

"When you are first weightless, for the whole first day you want to minimize your head motions. Your eyes and ears are telling you two different things, so you can get sick. You try to keep what would normally be the ceiling as your ceiling, and what is the floor as your floor," Barbara said.

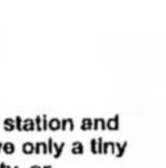
"Even though I consciously did this, my body felt like it was upside-down, even though I could see I was right-side up. It wasn't bad, but it was interesting. After a few days, when you got used to being weightless, it didn't matter what was up or down.

"If you can get really, really relaxed in a swimming pool with your eyes closed, you can start getting that feeling as well. The difference is, if you move your arms and legs in water, you will feel resistance. You won't feel that in space."

A message for kids

"Our future is really bright," Barbara said. "I'm proud of our kids. We have wonderful students all over the country and the world. They really do have a very bright future.

"It's important they keep reaching for their dreams. It takes hard work. There's a great sense of satisfaction in working at things that you love, even if they're challenging, and in being a part of the world.



"It's a grand universe, and every single one of you is so important."

Sites to see:
www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home/index.html

Look through your newspaper for stories about teachers.

Next week The Mini Page is about author and philosopher Henry David Thoreau.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Selma: What did the student say when the teacher asked him to use the word "cousin" in a sentence?
Solomon: I put my mittens on "cousin" the winter my hands get cold!

Samantha: How are a teacher and a judge alike?
Simon: Both give long sentences!

Sarah: What do elf teachers assign?
Seth: Gnome-work!

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Basset Brown The News Hound's Teacher in Space TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the teacher in space are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: STATION, LAUNCH, GRAVITY, ENDEAVOUR, DREAMS, EARTH, EXPLORATION, SHUTTLE, TRAINING, ORBIT, ASTRONAUT, STARS, EAT, EXERCISE, UNIVERSE, SLEEPING, BAG, FLOAT, SPACE.

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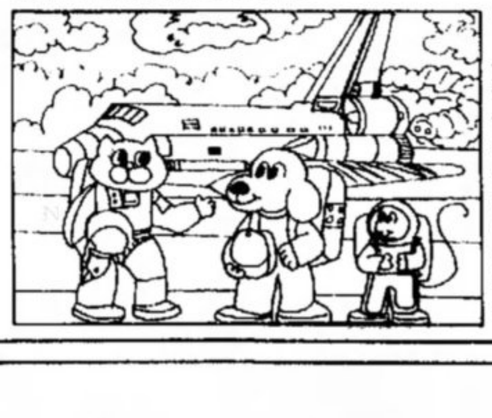
Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends have just had a tour of the space shuttle! See if you can find:



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FEATURES

Frugal Living

A promise worth keeping

"A promise made is a debt unpaid." — **Robert Service**

Sara **NOEL**

Time passes quickly. The days become weeks, and the weeks become years. Have you ever thought back to the dreams you once had?

If you set aside your dreams for your list of a million-other-things and decided to wait for your turn or for the planets to align, part of you probably feels you haven't been true to yourself. No one else is going to be disappointed if you don't accomplish your goals; this is your own promise to yourself.

Maybe you learned to let go of some of them and create new dreams. But it's possible there is one promise you made to yourself that you can't abandon. Some dreams feel like a dull ache that surfaces from time to time. That ache serves as a reminder that there's still time to pursue them. They can't be ignored forever. So whether your promise is to open a business, continue your education, write a book or give back to your roots, the time to do something about it is now.

Through the years, my readers have shared their hopes and dreams with me. Most of their goals aren't far-fetched, yet fear, lack of savings and everyday life often stand in the way. They think their dreams won't ever become reality, or they are stuck on where to start so they don't start at all. I want you to get started.

MAP IT OUT: Make a list of short-term and long-term goals. Be as specific as possible. What action can you take today toward your goal? Do you know what information or knowledge you need? Can you make some phone calls? Do research online or at the library? Take a class? Do it. Seeing it written down will bring life to your goal, and taking even a baby step is going to energize you.

KNOW WHAT BLOCKS YOU: Fully grasp what blocks your progress. Think of ways to clear the hurdles. If it's lack of time, then your short-term goal can be to manage your time better so it's no longer an issue. If it's lack of money, then your goal can be to start saving. Frugality can help with that. If it's fear, it's time to confront what frightens you. The important part is planning for roadblocks that can get in the way — whether they are put there by yourself or others.

VISUALIZE ACCOMPLISHMENT: Believe in your dream. Picture it in your mind. Express your commitment to your promise. You really have to want it and choose it to achieve it. Start by making small promises on a regular basis to gain confidence.

CREATE A DEADLINE: Equally important as getting started is setting a deadline for your goal. This will prevent procrastination and will help you stay committed. If you think it's going to take years, then set up mini-objectives and deadlines. Reward yourself when you hit milestones. Be determined and regularly make the time to work toward your goal. No one said it would be easy, but take the words "I can't" out of the picture. Replace them with "I promise to," and be specific.

Check on your progress and be prepared for compromise or changes. You might decide you need more or less time, or that you need to change direction. You owe it to yourself to try to fulfill the promise you intended to keep when you made it. Are you ready? Pay off that debt!

Sara Noel is the owner of Frugal Village (www.frugalvillage.com), a Web site that offers practical, money-saving strategies for everyday living. To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com

CALENDAR WATCH

Wednesday

■ Donora High School Class of 1960 get-together, Duke's Café, Donora, 6 p.m.

■ Innovations in Orthopedics, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Childbirth Preparation classes, Mon-Vale HealthPlex, Rostraver Township, 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Thomas McKee American Legion Post 28, Monessen, meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7 p.m.

■ Former Page Steel and Wire employees luncheon meeting, Eat 'n Park restaurant, Rostraver Township, noon.

■ Former Monessen Southwestern Railroaders luncheon meeting, Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township, noon.

■ Staff member from Congressman John Murtha's office offers assistance with federal agencies or programs, Brownsville Borough Building, 9 a.m. to noon.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Charleroi Garden Club

The Charleroi Garden met recently in the community rooms of the John K. Tener Library.

President Mary Jane Martucci welcomed the members and led the flag salute and the Club Creed. Sylvia Whiten read the minutes and took roll call. June Wozniak gave the treasurer's report.

Committee reports were presented. JoAnn Celaschi, horticulture and conservation chairwoman, discussed and handed out to do lists of what has to be done to get your garden ready for winter.

Janet DeRienzo reported on cards sent to members for illness, birthdays and anniversaries.

Cora Ducoeur reported the Crest Avenue flower garden has been prepared for winter and that Sue Shaver has taken care of and cleared out all the flower boxes in the downtown area.

Ducoeur also asked for support of the Charleroi Shade Tree Commission project to replace some of the trees in the downtown area. She is hoping that organizations and businesses will come forward and participate. Cleveland pear, red maple and spice berry are among the trees to be purchased. If interested in taking part in obtaining these trees, call (724) 483-5702.

The club decided to support this project and voted to make money available to purchase one of these trees.

A social hour followed with refreshments served by Jeffrey Ciferno and DeRienzo.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Tax program set in Monessen

A tax representative will present a program 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Monessen Public Library and District Center on changes for this tax season. Questions from the audience will be answered following the program. To register, call the library at (724) 684-4750.

K of C to meet in Charleroi

Father William D. Fries Council 956 Knights of Columbus, Charleroi, will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at the council home. The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Members are reminded that dues will be payable at the meeting or can be mailed to Financial Secretary Tom Nutting, 303 Cooper Road, Charleroi, Pa. 15022-3069. For information, call Nutting at (724) 489-9378.

Italian Society board to meet

The board of directors of the Monessen Italian Heritage Society will meet 7 p.m. Thursday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen.

Healing service set in Monessen

Union Baptist Church, 670 McMahon Ave., Monessen, will have a healing service led by the Rev. Millie A. Thomas 7 p.m. Friday.

Genealogical workshops set

The Westmoreland County Historical Society will offer several afternoon workshops for those interested in genealogical research:

Jan. 21 and Feb. 11 – 1 to 3 p.m., Getting Around the Stumbling Blocks of Research at the society's Calvin E. Pollins Library. Registration is required.

March 10 and April 14 - Unlocking Information Found in Wills and Deeds, 1 to 3 p.m., Calvin E. Pollins Library and the courthouse.

The Westmoreland County Historical Society is located at 41W. Otterman Street, Suite 310, Greensburg. For information and registration, call (724) 836-1800, extension 10.

Fish fry set in Belle Vernon

The Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fish fry 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. For takeouts, call (724) 929-5511.

Auxiliary holds anniversary event

American Legion Post 22 Ladies Auxiliary, Charleroi, celebrated its fifth anniversary in the form of a Christmas party Dec. 17. Janet Jones, Darlene McBurnie and Trish Riley comprised the party committee. The next meeting of the group will be held Jan. 29.

Foundation seeks grant proposals

The Community Foundation of Fayette County reminds interested Fayette County non-profit organizations that the 2008 Spring Cycle Project Grant Proposals are due March 1. Eligible organizations must be non-profit, tax-exempt and located in Fayette County, or whose purposes and programs benefit Fayette County. To apply or request additional information, contact the Community Foundation of Fayette County office at 2 West Main Street, Suite 101, Uniontown, Pa. 15401, call (724) 437-8600 or visit the Community Foundation Web site at www.cffayettepa.org for details of grant guidelines.

Grocery bingo set in Monongahela

A grocery bingo and Chinese auction will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 130 W. Main St., Monongahela. Refreshments will be available.

Monessen Band Parents to meet

The Monessen Band Parents will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday in the high school band room.

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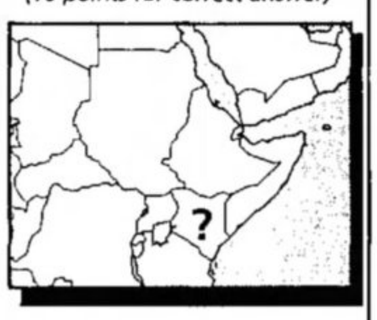
NEWSPLACE

(10 points for correct answer)



This African nation has been racked with violence since the incumbent president was accused of stealing the presidential election in late December. Nearly 500 people have died in riots and thousands have fled their homes in the face of ethnic violence in which other tribes pit themselves against the dominant Kikuyu. The nation's opposition leader cancelled nationwide protest rallies Monday, fearing they could lead to more bloodletting. Both sides have said they are open to some sort of power-sharing agreement to ease the crisis. Name this country.

WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each correct answer)

1-Gunboats from ..?.. reportedly harassed three U.S. Navy warships near the Persian Gulf.

2- Mikhail Saakashvili, the pro-Western president of ..?.., narrowly won re-election over the weekend, but the main opposition candidate contested the outcome.

3-The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments on the controversial issue of ..?.., in a case brought by two men in Kentucky.

4-Former Arkansas governor ..?.. easily won the Republican Iowa caucus.

5- Senators Chris Dodd and ..?.. dropped out of the Democratic presidential race after a poor showing in Iowa.

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1. Who is chair of the Fayette County Commissioners?

2. Who was sworn in as district attorney of Washington County last week?

3. Who owns the Pittsburgh RiverRats?

4. Name the Washington Township school crossing guard who was injured when he was struck by a car Thursday morning?

5. Who led the Monessen Lady Hounds in scoring in last week's 43-41 win over Serra Catholic?

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer)

The junior senator from Illinois, I am one of the Democratic presidential hopefuls. Recently I stunned many by winning the Iowa caucus by a fairly wide margin, beating Hillary Clinton, who has long been considered the likely nominee. Some people have discounted me because of my relative youth and perceived inexperience, but my appeal is especially strong among young and independent voters. Now polls are showing me with a double-digit lead over Clinton heading into the New Hampshire primary. Who am I?

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ANSWERS

NEWSPLACE: Kenya WORLDSCOPE: 1-Iran; 2-Georgia; 3-lethal injection; 4-Mike Huckabee; 5-Joe Biden

NEWSNAME: Barack Obama

PEOPLE/SPORTS: 1-Angela Zimmerlink; 2-Steven M. Toprani, of Carroll Township; 3-Jeff Hauser; 4-Edger Jones; 5-Christina Chukwuedo, 13 points.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: J equals M

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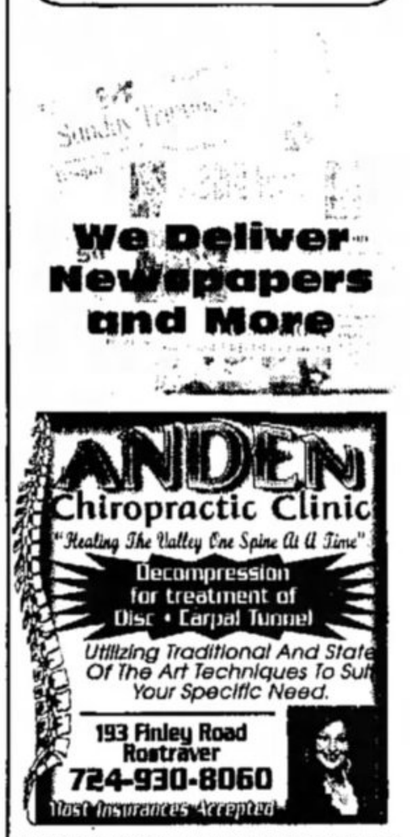
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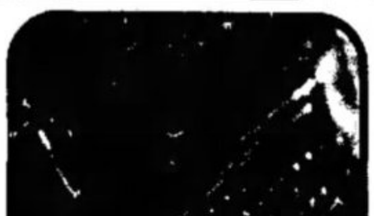

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- 1½ hours daily

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April 10

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Elizabeth Forward School District-12 month high school position. Applicants should possess strong interpersonal skills and experience commensurate with the following responsibilities, which include, but are not limited to expertise with basic software programs including word processing, spreadsheet, and database management (such as Microsoft Office Suite), knowledge of school district or similar organization operations. Applicants should forward a letter of interest, resume, and three professional references, plus proof of application for the following clearances: Act 34, 114, and 151. This information should be forwarded to Glenn Shell, Director of Human Resources, Elizabeth Forward School District Offices, 401 Rock Run Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037. E.O.E. Deadline: January 10, 2008.

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Personnel Director
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1040/MEDICAL

Highlands Hospital
Manager Respiratory Therapy
Respiratory care practitioner with experience in clinical & administrative functions. Will manage cardiopulmonary department, oversee operation of newly opened Sleep Lab, and provide respiratory therapy services to both inpatients and outpatients.
Assistant Director Rehab
Licensed PT to assist Director with coordination of rehab services (including speech and OT) and on-site fitness center. Will also provide clinical PT services to both inpatients and outpatients.
Diabetes Program Support
(Part-time). RN or RD with experience in diabetes education.
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(Part-time). For behavioral health outpatient practice. Must have behavioral health experience; billing knowledge preferred.
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Highlands Hospital
401 E. Murphy Ave.
Connellsville, PA 15425
724-626-2314. EOE

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Your Birthday
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 2008

CAPRICORN
December 22 through January 19

Notable changes will emerge from your personality that will allow you to take a kinetic leadership role in the year ahead. Don't be surprised when you look behind you and find a crowd following your every move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- When it comes to matters pertaining to your financial well being, you are more imaginative and clever than usual, which will serve you well. Steer clear of other ideas that are not as good as yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Your words will have more weight than you realize, so think carefully before you speak. For either good or ill, your comments will make a profound and lasting impression on anyone within earshot.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Much can be learned by quietly observing the way those you admire successfully handle tricky situations. Your bright mind will be able to figure out how to apply their skills to your own personal affairs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Sound out your new concepts or your latest ideas on things with some good friends. Discussions with them will help you find the missing pieces you are looking for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Although you are not looking for the spotlight to be on you, it will be -- just because you are acting like your likeable self. Your bright, intellectual mind will draw attention from co-workers and friends alike.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Your probing mind will be working overtime, but not on insignificant details. Your interests and attention will be drawn to comprehending complicated or profound issues that you are seeking to grasp.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- By putting your head with another in order to promote a joint endeavor, you can double your chances for success. The other person will remember what the other forgets.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Because of your natural ability to harmonize your opinions or views with persons, you will automatically be a welcomed addition to any group. You will not have to be anything special, so just be yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Quality time devoted to any creative endeavor will be time well spent. Your talents and efforts will provide you with personal fulfillment and a sense of pride about your accomplishments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Find a stimulating social outlet with friends or acquaintances who are just as enthusiastic about having a good time as you are. Leave the uninspiring people to their own devices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Friends or family who visit your place will greatly enjoy themselves because you will know exactly what to do in order to provide your guests with a memorable experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Your quick mind and charming disposition are two dynamic assets that enhance your personality and equip you with the intelligence to use them to your advantage. You will know how to turn serious matters into lighthearted ones.

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Crosser, Hester M
ESTATE NOTICE

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Charles S. Jarvis
Executor
6154 Darby Road Apt. 2
Roanoke, VA 24012

Mark E. Ramsier, Esquire
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1/8,15,22

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January 8, 2008
February 12, 2008
March 11, 2008
April 8, 2008
May 13, 2008
June 10, 2008
July 8, 2008
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Stephanie Pieri
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